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OF THE TESTIMONIALS TO BE GIVEN TO LAY DEPUTIES.

Lay Deputies to the Convention shall present written certificates of their election, in the following, or some similar form ;

[*Name of the Church, the place and date.*]

This certifies that at a meeting of the congregation of this Church, for the purpose of electing Church officers, and Deputies to the Convention, (or, *for the purpose of electing Deputies to the Convention*, if the meeting be for that purpose alone,) A. B., C. D., and E. F., were duly chosen to represent the congregation in that body for the year ensuing. In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand, (or if two of the Wardens subscribe, *we have set our hands*,) the day and year above written.

Which certificate shall be signed by the Rector, the Secretary of the Vestry, or by two Wardens ; and the above form shall be annually inserted in the printed Journal of the Convention.

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DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY:

LIST OF CLERGY;

MAY 25, 1853.

[Those marked * were present.]

The Right Reverend *GEORGE WASHINGTON DOANE, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of the Diocese; President of Burlington College; Rector of St. Mary's Hall; and of St. Mary's Church, Burlington.

The Rev. JAMES CHAPMAN, Missionary, officiating in Trinity Church, Woodbridge.

The Rev. *GEORGE Y. MOREHOUSE, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly.

The Rev. *CLARKSON DUNN, Rector of Christ Church, Newton.

The Rev. *HARRY FINCH, Rector of Christ Church, Shrewsbury; with Christ Chapel, Middletown; and Trinity Chapel, Red Bank.

The Rev. NORMAN NASH.

The Rev. MATTHEW H. HENDERSON, Rector of Trinity Church, Newark.

The Rev. *RICHARD CHANNING MOORE, Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabethtown.

The Rev. SAMUEL STARR, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Trenton.

The Rev. SAMUEL ASHTON WARNER.

The Rev. *JAMES A. WILLIAMS, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Orange.

The Rev. *REUBEN J. GERMAIN, Chaplain, Principal and Head of the Family of St. Mary's Hall, Burlington.

The Rev. PETER L. JAQUES, Missionary, Rector of St. Matthew's Hall, Port Colden.

The Rev. *ALFRED STUBBS, Rector of Christ Church, New Brunswick.

The Rev. HAMBLE J. LEACOCK.

The Rev. *ANDREW BELL PATERSON, Rector of St. John's Church, Salem.

The Rev. *ISAAC SMITH, Missionary, officiating in St. James' Church, Piscatawa.

The Rev. J. ELLIOT THOMPSON, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Paterson.

The Rev. SAMUEL W. HALLOWELL, officiating at Pemberton.

The Rev. EDWARD W. PEET, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Rahway.

The Rev. CHARLES JAMES STERLING.

The Rev. DAVID CLARKSON, Chaplain in the Army of the United States, Fort Scott, Missouri.

The Rev. *JOSEPH M. LYBRAND, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Camden.

The Rev. JOHN R. GOODMAN.

The Rev. JAMES H. TYNG, Rector elect of the Church of the Redeemer, Morristown.

The Rev. *WILLIAM B. OTIS, Missionary, officiating in St. George's Church, Penn's Neck.

The Rev. HENRY BEERS SHERMAN, Rector elect of Christ Church, Belleville.

The Rev. *JOHN L. WATSON, D.D., Rector of Grace Church, Newark.

The Rev. J. D. L. M. MOORE.

The Rev. DAVID M. FACKLER.

The Rev. EDWARD B. BOGGS, Rector of Trinity Church, Swedesborough.

The Rev. *ADOLPH FROST, Librarian of Burlington College.

The Rev. *JOSEPH F. PHILLIPS, Missionary, officiating in St. Peter's Church, Spottswood; and St. Stephen's Church, South Amboy.

The Rev. *R. T. S. LOWELL, Rector of Christ Church, Newark.

The Rev. *CHARLES WOODRUFF RANKIN, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Morristown.

The Rev. JOHN REYNOLDS.

The Rev. *ANDREW MACKIE, Missionary, officiating in St. Paul's Church, Newark.

The Rev. *HORACE L. EDGAR PRATT, Rector elect of St. Peter's Church, Perth Amboy.

The Rev. *JAMES J. BOWDEN, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Jersey City.

The Rev. *JOSIAH M. BARTLETT, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Gloucester City; and officiating in Grace Church, Hadonfield.

The Rev. *SAMUEL L. SOUTHARD, Rector of the House of Prayer, Newark.

The Rev. *JULIUS DAVID ROSE, Missionary, officiating in St. Matthew's (German) Church, Newark.

The Rev. JOHN A. PARSONS.

The Rev. *NATHANIEL PETTIT, Missionary to Andover; Assistant Minister of Christ Church, Newton.

The Rev. D. H. MACURDY, Rector elect of Grace Church, Jersey City.

The Rev. S. STEBBINS STOCKING, Rector of St. Mark's Hall, Orange.

The Rev. *SAMUEL C. STRATTON, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Berkeley, at Clarksborough.

The Rev. *MARCUS F. HYDE, Professor of Ancient Languages in Burlington College.

The Rev. *DAVID BROWN, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Amwell, at Lambertville.

The Rev. ELI WHEELER, Assistant to the Rector of Christ Church, Shrewsbury.

The Rev. *JOHN ROWLAND, Missionary, officiating in St. John's Church, Somerville.

The Rev. *WILLIAM R. GRIES, Missionary, officiating in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Hudson.

The Rev. PHILEMON E. COE, Missionary, at Plainfield, Westfield, and Scotch Plains.

The Rev. GEORGE SAYRES, Rector elect of St. Peter's Church, Freehold.

The Rev. *ELVIN K. SMITH, Missionary, officiating in St. John's Church, Camden.

The Rev. *HANNIBAL GOODWIN, Rector elect of Christ Church, Bordentown; Missionary, officiating in Christ Church, Allentown.

The Rev. VANDERVOORT BRUCE, Rector elect of St. Paul's Church, Hoboken.

The Rev. *JOSHUA PETERKIN, Rector elect of Trinity Church, Princeton.

The Rev. *JAMES ADAMS, Missionary, officiating in St. Barnabas' Church, Roseville.

The Rev. JOSHUA D. BERRY, D.D., Rector of St. Anne's Hall, Orange.

The Rev. JOSHUA SMITH, Rector elect of St. Philip's Church, Newark.

The Rev. *EUGENE AUGUSTUS HOFFMAN, Rector elect of Christ Church, Elizabethtown; Missionary, officiating in St. Stephen's Church, Millville.

The Rev. *EDWARD PURDON WRIGHT, Acting Rector of Burlington College.

DEACONS.

The Rev. REUBEN H. FREEMAN.

The Rev. GEORGE OGLE.

The Rev. *WILLIAM CROSWELL DOANE, Assistant Minister of St. Mary's Church, Burlington; adjunct Professor of English Literature in Burlington College.

The Rev. ENOCH REED.

LAY DEPUTIES.

St. Peter's, Perth Amboy,

{ John R. Watson,
*James Parker,
*J. Lawrence Boggs,
Joseph D. Forbes.

<i>St. Mary's Burlington,</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Thomas Milnor, *Robert B. Aertsen, *Frederick Engle, U. S. N., Edward B. Grubb, Charles W. Kinsman, George Hobart Doane, M. D.
<i>Christ, Shrewsbury and Middletown,</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Edmund T. Williams, *Edmund West.
<i>St. John's, Elizabethtown,</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *George R. Chetwood, M. D., Anthony Morse, George H. Pegram, John Kean, Frederick W. Foote, Francis B. Chetwood, *John S. Spencer.
<i>Trinity, Newark,</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Archer Gifford, J. P. Pennington, *Samuel Meeker, Thomas H. Stephens, Silas Merchant.
<i>St. John's, Salem,</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Thomas Sinnickson, *Josiah Harrison, *James W. Mecum, John Sinnickson, *Richard P. Thompson, J. Howard Sinnickson, Andrew Sinnickson, *Joseph H. Thompson, M. D., *Samuel C. Harbert, James M. Hannah, Jonathan Ingham.
<i>Christ, New Brunswick,</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *S. V. Hoffman, *I. R. Cornell, *I. S. Carpenter, *F. Kinney.
<i>Christ, Newton,</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Robert Hamilton, *Thomas Anderson.
<i>Christ, Allentown,</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Bennington Gill, *Theodore Stagg.
<i>St. Andrew's, Mount Holly,</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *J. L. N. Stratton, *C. M. Harker, John Dobbins, Jr., *John R. Slack, *Ewan Merritt, *J. C. Clarke.

<i>St. Peter's, Spottswood,</i>	{ Andrew Snowhill, John Perrine, John Appleby, George H. Snowhill, William O. Snowhill, *W. A. Appleby.
<i>St. Peter's, Freehold,</i>	{ *Daniel B. Ryall, *Thomas C. Throckmorton, *John D. Forman, Jehu Patterson.
<i>St. John's, Chew's Landing,</i>	{ *John R. Sickler, M. D., Josiah B. Sickler, Joshua Sickler.
<i>St. Peter's, Berkley,</i>	{ *Charles Hopkins, *William Rambo, Charles Reeves, *Joseph Reeves, *B. F. Carter.
<i>Trinity, Swedesborough,</i>	{ *Charles C. Stratton, *Joseph Flick, *Joshua S. Thompson, George Battin.
<i>St. Thomas', Glassborough,</i>	{ *Thomas H. Whitney, S. A. Whitney, Woodward Warwick, Ebenezer Whitney, J. H. Paul.
<i>St. Stephen's, Mullica Hill,</i>	{ John W. Eacritt, Enoch Aggings, *William S. Mallett, Emmor W. Jones, Richard M. Ware.
<i>St. Matthew's, Jersey City,</i>	{ *Walter Rutherford, Peter Bentley, J. C. Brantigan, D. B. Wakeman, G. B. Flint, J. W. Scudder.
<i>St. Paul's, Paterson,</i>	{ *E. B. D. Ogden, Philemon Dickerson, D. G. Scott, B. M. Vandervoort, E. N. Dickerson, *F. B. Ogden.

<i>St. Mark's, Orange,</i>	{ *D. Babbitt, M. D., Philander J. Budd, *J. L. Blake, Charles Williams.
<i>St. Peter's, Morristown,</i>	{ D. I. Canfield, *J. W. Miller, *Joseph Lovell, *A. G. Sayre.
<i>St. Paul's, Camden,</i>	{ *R. W. Howell, O. H. Taylor, M. D., *Abraham Browning, *Thomas P. Carpenter, Robert Hoare, Benjamin Gaskill, W. J. Hatch, M. Browning.
<i>Christ, Bordentown,</i>	{ *J. L. McKnight, R. S. Van Rensselaer, W. Allen, D. Young.
<i>Christ, Belleville,</i>	{ *Robert S. Swords.
<i>St. Paul's, Rahway,</i>	{ *N. Thorp, Ezra Ayres, *B. M. Price, E. Y. Rogers, Francis Labaw, Joseph S. Smith.
<i>St. Stephen's, Beverly,</i>	{ *Caleb Perkins, *Abraham Perkins.
<i>Trinity, Moorestown,</i>	{ J. J. Spencer, M. D., Edward Harris, G. F. Doughten, Samuel Jones, John C. Haines, Samuel Tatem, Charles Chambers, Andrew Locke, David Heaton, Nathan Buzby, Elwood Stratton, Samuel Thornton, Jr., *Richard M. Hugg.
<i>St. Andrew's, Lambertville,</i>	{ *John Sharp, John Coryell, George A. Kohl.

<i>Grace, Newark,</i>	{ *J. W. Condit, *J. C. Garthwaite, *Charles M. King, Jerome B. Ward, *J. W. Hayes, Elihu Bliss, *A. M. Dougherty, M. D., *Henry G. Darcy, James Pettit.
<i>Grace, Haddonfield</i>	{ *Josiah C. Cole, C. D. Hendry, M. D.,
<i>Grace, Jersey City,</i>	{ *J. T. Morton, J. R. Schuyler, J. Van Voorst.
<i>St. Thomas', Vernon,</i>	{ Thomas B. Dekay, *Thomas Lawrence.
<i>St. Paul's, Trenton,</i>	{ W. E. Hunt, U. S. N., S. K. Wilson, Thomas Green, *Thomas R. Wilson, Thomas Wilson, William Weekes, William Howell, T. Rousseau, Edward Cooper.
<i>Ascension, Gloucester,</i>	{ *James Wilson, *William Crispin, *Chalkley Glover, *Bowman Hendry, M. D., *W. R. Stratton, Lucius Webb, S. Crocker, *H. B. Wilson, Thomas S. Ridgway, Andrew Chambers, Nathaniel Demeritt.
<i>Grace, Elizabethport,</i>	{ Frederick Phelps, J. L. Smith, John R. Armstrong.
<i>Christ, Newark,</i>	{ Joseph Ridger, *J. A. Corwin, M. D. *Henry D. Law, William Sheriff.
<i>St. John's, Somerville,</i>	{ *R. B. Duyekink, J. Doughty.

<i>House of Prayer, Newark,</i>	{ William Wright, *Daniel Condit, *George A. Mayhew, Theodore Runyon, *B. T. Nichols, Charles A. Glaze, J. S. Alden, John Chadwick.
<i>St. John's, Camden,</i>	{ Charles Eldred, *Charles L. Crump, *John Merrywether.
<i>St. John's, Dover,</i>	{ *Henry McFarlan, *Charles McFarlan.
<i>Holy Trinity, Bergen,</i>	{ William Thomas, Evan Griffith, Henry Drayton, James Montgomery, Jr., E. R. V. Wright, Alexander Watson, William Blucher, Thomas Aldridge, Thomas Harrison, John Aldridge.
<i>St. Paul's, Newark,</i>	{ *J. T. Garthwaite, Joseph Jefferson, *J. H. Hobart Breintnall, Julius Van Wagenen.
<i>St. Stephen's, Millville,</i>	{ George W. Campbell, *Israel D. Condit, Amzi Condit.
<i>Christ, Elizabethtown,</i>	{ Benjamin Williamson, C. H. Edwards, *John J. Chetwood, *William M. Whitehead, M. D. *William C. Dayton, Cornelius L. King, H. S. Hayward, Francis Barber, Edward Mayo.

JOURNAL.

Burlington, May 25th, 1853.

This being the time and place appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of New Jersey, for the meeting of the Annual Convention of said Church, the Bishop and several of the Clergy and Lay Deputies assembled, in St. Mary's Church, at 10 o'clock.

Morning prayer was offered by Rev. Messrs. Finch and Rankin, the Bishop performing the Ante-Communion Service; after which, the Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Brown. The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Dunn, Finch, and Rankin.

The religious services being concluded, the Bishop took the Chair, and the Convention proceeded to organize. Upon calling the roll, the Clergy present were the following:

The Rt. Rev. George W. Doane, D.D., LL. D., Bishop,	The Rev. S. L. Southard,
The Rev. Clarkson Dunn,	Nathaniel Pettit,
Harry Finch,	Samuel C. Stratton,
James A. Williams,	Marcus F. Hyde,
Reuben J. Germain,	David Brown,
Alfred Stubbs,	John Rowland,
A. B. Paterson,	E. K. Smith,
Isaac Smith,	Hannibal Goodwin,
J. M. Lybrand,	James Adams,
J. L. Watson, D.D.,	Eugene A. Hoffman,
Adolph Frost,	Edward P. Wright,
J. F. Phillips,	H. L. E. Pratt,
Charles W. Rankin,	Joshua Peterkin,
Andrew Mackie,	W. C. Doane.
J. J. Bowden,	
J. M. Bartlett,	

The Rev. Mr. Finch and T. P. Carpenter were appointed a Committee to examine the testimonials of Lay Deputies, who reported that more than the constitutional number of Churches were represented; whereupon the Convention was declared to be duly organized.

The Lay Deputies being called, the following appeared:—

Edmund T. Williams,	J. W. Miller,
Edmund West,	J. Lovell,
R. B. Aertsen,	A. G. Sayre,

F. Engle, U.S.N.,
 Archer Gifford,
 Samuel Meeker,
 S. V. Hoffman,
 I. R. Cornell,
 J. S. Carpenter,
 F. Kinney,
 J. L. N. Stratton,
 C. M. Harker,
 Ewan Merritt,
 J. C. Clarke,
 W. S. Appleby,
 D. B. Ryall,
 T. C. Throckmorton,
 J. D. Forman,
 J. R. Sickler, M. D.,
 R. Hamilton,
 T. Anderson,
 C. Hopkins,
 W. Rambo,
 J. Reeves,
 B. F. Carter,
 C. C. Stratton,
 T. Sinnickson,
 J. Harrison,
 J. W. Mecum,
 R. P. Thompson,
 J. H. Thompson, M. D.,
 S. C. Harbert,
 W. Rutherford,
 E. B. D. Ogden,
 F. B. Ogden,
 D. Babbitt, M. D.,
 J. L. Blake,
 C. Williams,

R. W. Howell,
 A. Browning,
 T. P. Carpenter,
 J. L. McKnight,
 R. S. Swords,
 N. Thorp,
 B. M. Price,
 J. W. Condit,
 J. C. Garthwaite,
 C. M. King,
 J. W. Hayes,
 A. N. Dougherty, M. D.,
 H. G. Darcy,
 R. M. Hugg,
 J. E. Cole,
 J. Sharp,
 J. T. Morton,
 T. Lawrence,
 T. R. Wilson,
 James Wilson,
 W. Crispin,
 C. Glover,
 B. Hendry, M. D.,
 W. R. Stratton,
 H. B. Wilson,
 D. Condit,
 G. A. Mayhew,
 B. T. Nichols,
 J. A. Corwin, M. D.,
 Henry D. Law,
 R. B. Duyckinck,
 C. L. Crump,
 J. Merrywether,
 Henry McFarlan,
 Charles McFarlan.

The Committee proceeded to the choice of a Secretary. The Rev. A. B. Paterson being the only person nominated, the ballot was dispensed with, and he was unanimously elected.

The Secretary appointed the Rev. William Crosswell Doane his Assistant.

Resolved, That Clergy of other Dioceses, and candidates for the Ministry, who may be present in this city, be invited to attend the sittings of this Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, R. P. Thompson, and G. A. Mayhew, were appointed a Committee to report upon the applications of new Churches.

The Rules of Order of the last Convention, were adopted as follows :

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Each meeting of the Convention shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. When the President assumes the Chair, each member shall take his seat.
3. After the first day, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning; and, if necessary, corrected; and, before the rising of the Convention, the whole proceedings of the sitting shall be read.
4. When a member chooses to speak, he shall rise and address the President.
5. When two members rise at the same time, the President shall determine the preference; and, in any controversy respecting order, the President shall decide.
6. Every resolution, presented to this Convention, shall be fairly reduced to writing.
7. No motion shall be regarded, unless seconded.
8. A motion of postponement, or amendment, shall always be in order.
9. On motion to adjourn, or to lay upon the table, the question shall be put without debate.
10. No member shall speak oftener than thrice, on the same question, without the leave of the President.
11. At the request of the President, or on motion, the Convention may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole; and shall take a vote for that purpose.
12. The yeas and nays shall be called, and entered on the minutes, when any two members require it.
13. The doors of the Convention shall be open for the admission of such persons, as may wish to know its proceedings.
14. No member shall leave the Convention, without permission.
15. All questions shall be decided *viva voce*; unless required to be decided by ballot, by at least three clerical members, and three lay delegations.
16. In all elections, those persons only, who shall have a majority of all the votes given, shall be deemed elected.
17. The order of business shall be as follows:—The election of Standing Committee, Deputies to the General Convention, Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, and Trustees of the Offerings of the Church; Presentation of Parochial Reports; Postponed, and Miscellaneous, business.
18. The Bishop's Address at any time to be in order.
19. Daily prayers at 9 o'clock, A. M.; adjourn at 2½ o'clock, P. M.; evening session at 4½ o'clock, P. M.

The Convention then took a recess until half-past 4 o'clock.

Wednesday Afternoon, 4½ P. M.

The Convention assembled. The Rev. Messrs. Gries, Otis, Rosé, Lowell and Moore, and Joshua Flick, J. S. Thompson, James Parker, Bennington Gill, Theodore Stagg, George R. Chetwood, John S. Spencer, William S. Mallet, Thomas H. Whitney, Caleb Perkins, Abraham Perkins, Lawrence Boggs, appeared and took their seats.

The Bishop then delivered his Annual Address.

J. W. Miller offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the information communicated by the Bishop in his Address, of a paper, purporting to be a presentment of himself, together with the said document, be referred to a Committee of six, to report upon the same, during the present session of the Convention.

The resolution was adopted and the following Committee was appointed :—Rev. Dr. Watson, Rev. Messrs. Dunn and Otis, and Messrs. J. W. Miller, E. B. D. Ogden, and R. P. Thompson.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW PARISHES.

The Committee, to whom was referred the application of new Parishes to be admitted into the Diocese, respectfully report—

That they find that the applications made by "St. Paul's Church," in the City of Newark—of "Christ Church," Elizabethtown, in the County of Essex ; and of "St. Stephen's Church," in Millville, in the County of Essex, are in due form, and they recommend their admission.

Your Committee have also examined the applications made by "The Church of the Redeemer," in Morristown, in the County of Morris, and of "St. Stephen's Church," in South Amboy, and find that they are not accompanied by any certificate of the Wardens, as is expressly required by the Canon ; and your Committee therefore report against the admission of the said last named Churches.

May 25th, 1853.

JOHN L. WATSON,
R. P. THOMPSON,
GEORGE A. MAYHEW, } Committee.

Resolved, That Christ Church, Elizabethtown, St. Stephen's Church, Millville, and St. Paul's Church, Newark, be admitted into union with this Convention. Whereupon J. J. Chetwood, William A. Whitehead, William C. Dayton, Israel D. Condit, J. T. Garthwaite, and J. H. Hobart Brientnall, appeared and took their seats.

The Convention proceeded to the election of Officers, when the following were chosen.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

<i>Of the Clergy.</i>	<i>Of the Laity.</i>
Rev. Harry Finch,	J. J. Spencer,
J. L. Watson, D.D.,	C. C. Stratton,
J. A. Williams,	J. C. Garthwaite,
C. W. Rankin.	E. B. D. Ogden.

DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

<i>Of the Clergy.</i>	<i>Of the Laity.</i>
Rev. C. Dunn,	J. W. Miller,
J. L. Watson, D.D.	D. B. Ryall,
A. Stubbs,	R. B. Aertsen,
S. L. Southard.	W. Wright.

SUPPLEMENTAL DEPUTIES.

Of the Clergy.

Rev. J. A. Williams,
J. E. Thompson,
A. B. Paterson,
J. M. Lybrand.

Of the Laity.

R. P. Thompson,
J. W. Condit,
S. V. Hoffman,
J. J. Chetwood.

The Rev. Messrs. Williams, Paterson, and J. W. Condit, were appointed a Committee to report the number of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, to which this Diocese is entitled. The Convention then took a recess, till 8 o'clock.

Wednesday Evening.

Convention met. The Committee appointed to ascertain the number of Trustees to which this Diocese is entitled in the General Theological Seminary, made report, that it was entitled to nominate eleven such Trustees.

The report of the Treasurer was read.

The Committee to whom was referred the information in the Bishop's Address, relating to the presentment of himself, and the Presentment itself, reported as follows :

The Committee to whom was referred the information communicated by the Bishop in his address to the Convention, of a paper purporting to be a presentment of him, together with said document, respectfully report :

That they have carefully examined the paper and compared it with the two former presentments, and find it to be substantially for the same alleged causes of complaint, as were contained in one or both of them. That the specifications in the present paper are more artistically made, with some additions of dates, amounts and details of particulars, but that the subject matter of the allegations is the same ; and, in all cases, such details relate to matters which had transpired, and were known, before the first presentment was made.

That the amplification of a former charge, contained in the 21st specification, relates to the making and partial non-fulfilment by the Bishop, of a contract entered into by him in 1847, with persons named in the specification, for furnishing and putting up an apparatus for the manufacture of gas : and that the amplification of a former charge contained in the 25th specification refers to Bishop Doane having paid usury, and thereby, as alleged, had encouraged the violation of law.

The Committee therefore report the following for the consideration and adoption of the Convention :

WHEREAS, This Convention has ascertained, that the Bishops of Virginia, Ohio and Maine, have addressed, to the Senior Bishop, a Presentment, against the Bishop of this Diocese, dated on the 25th day of February, A. D. 1853, and the Senior Bishop has summoned a Court of Bishops, to assemble at Camden, in this Diocese, on the first day of September next, apparently with a view to proceeding with the trial of our Diocesan, under said Presentment.

AND, WHEREAS, The present is the third Presentment against the Bishop of this Diocese, substantially, for the same alleged causes of complaint, which has been preferred by the same Presenters.

AND, WHEREAS, The first of said three presentments was withheld from the Court of Bishops, and was superseded by and merged in the second Presentment, and was subsequently refused to be entertained by the Court, when again preferred by the Presenters, and the second of the said Presentments was duly considered by the Court of Bishops, summoned for the trial thereof; which Court assembled at Camden on the seventh day of October, A. D. 1852, and subsequently met by adjournment at Burlington, in this Diocese, and the said Court declined to proceed further in the matter thereof, because this Convention had, previous to the making of the said Presentment, investigated most of the matters contained therein, and had determined that there was no ground for Presentment; and because further, this Convention stood pledged to investigate any charges against its Bishop, presented from any responsible source, and a special Convention had, at that time, been called in reference to the new matters contained in the Presentment, then before the Court of Bishops.

AND, WHEREAS, This Convention truly redeemed its said pledge, and did afterwards investigate the said new matters, contained in the Presentment last referred to, which was the second of said three Presentments; and did, at an adjourned special convention, held at Burlington, on the first day of December last, fully exculpate the Bishop of this Diocese from any charge of crime or immorality, made against him, and did determine that there were no good grounds for Presentment.

AND, WHEREAS, The said proceedings last mentioned, were had upon the faith of the above action of the said Court, which had itself disposed of certain of the charges contained in said two Presentments, and had referred the remaining charges therein to the Convention of this Diocese, as the proper tribunal for their investigation. And in the judgment of this body, the aforesaid action of the Court of Bishops, was a final determination and adjudication of the matter of said two Presentments, and the same cannot be revived for further action, under the canon of The American Church, upon which said Presentments have been founded; Therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That the attempt of the said Presenters, again to bring the subject-matter of said charges for trial before the Court of Bishops, is a violation of the spirit of the Canon of 1844, entitled, "Of the trial of a Bishop;" a wrong done to the just rights of the accused Bishop, by putting in jeopardy a second time for the same cause, both his reputation and the exercise of his Office; and a direct disregard of the recorded decision and judgment of the Court of Bishops, assembled in October of last year.

2. *Resolved*, That the said attempt of the said Presenters is an infringement of the rights of this Diocese, so largely dependent upon the exercise of his holy office, by its Bishop; and a violation of the good faith, under which it proceeded, consequent upon the decision of the Court of Bishops, to an investigation and disposal of the new charges against its Diocesan.

3. *Resolved*, That the Diocese of New Jersey, had good right in law and morals to suppose, that its peace would not again be disturbed by a renewal of charges,

against the Bishop, heretofore investigated, and dismissed; and does most solemnly protest against this renewed attack upon its privileges.

4. *Resolved*, That a Committee of seven, be appointed by the Convention, from the clerical and lay members of this body, to appear before the Court of Bishops, summoned to meet in Camden, on the first day of September next, to lay before them, the testimony taken by, and the report of, the Committee, appointed at a special Convention of this Diocese, on the 27th of October last, to investigate the new matters contained, in the Presentment, read before the Court of Bishops; assembled on the seventh of October aforesaid, and the action of the adjourned special Convention thereon.

5. *Resolved*, That the Committee do present, before the Court, the preamble and resolutions of this Convention; and do protest, in the name of this Convention, against any further action, under the third Presentment against our Bishop; and take such measures, in the premises, as their wisdom and discretion may suggest.

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The attention of the Committee has necessarily been attracted, as a part of the subject-matter involved in the case, to the Reply of the Bishops of Virginia, Ohio and Maine, to the argument, presented by the Committee of the Convention of this Diocese, to the Court of Bishops; and have prepared a statement and vindication of the course of the Convention; which they submit, for consideration and adoption.

THE STATEMENT AND VINDICATION OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY, IN THE CASE OF BISHOP DOANE.

There are occasions, in the course of Collective Bodies, as in the lives of individuals, when silence and submission become proofs of indifference to rights, and insensibility to character. For a period of fifteen months, the peace of the Diocese of New Jersey has been broken; the reputation of her chief Pastor assailed; two stated, and three special, Conventions, absorbed, in a painful and laborious duty of examination and defence; and the seeds of contest and bitterness sown among her children.

The highest tribunal of the Church was at last convened, to hear the charges against her Bishop. That tribunal dismissed them. But, scarcely had the hope of repose dawned upon an agitated Diocese, when the identical accusation is renewed; the same spirit revived; and Diocese and Bishop, challenged again, to a profitless and unholy contest.

Yet, more: in the course of these proceedings, the Convention of New Jersey, through a Committee, had investigated the accusations; and deliberately pronounced, that the testimony, furnished no ground for a presentment. They directed a Committee, to lay before the Bishops of the Church, when assembled as a Court, a statement of their action, and what they deemed its legal result. Such a document was prepared, and offered. Its reception was opposed by the Presentment, with vehemence and pertinacity, and upon the most narrow of technical grounds. The dutiful and respectful appeal of sons of the Church, to their fathers in Coun-

cil, was denounced as an invasion of their authority, and an insult to their persons. But their struggle, to crush the just claim of New Jersey, to be heard, was unsuccessful. The Document was received. Permission was given to the Presenters, to reply to it; and that produced a paper, which the Convention of New Jersey is bound to meet, and to overthrow. Its sophistries, indeed, might be suffered to pass unrefuted: but its misrepresentations, and its unmeasured invective, demand exposure.

And, again, when the trial was ended; when all lovers of order would have acquiesced, and all lovers of peace, rejoiced; the Presenters sent forth to the world, their further statement, in which the proceedings of New Jersey are again denounced, as without legal force, or moral value. Thus assailed, without measure and without remission; wronged by the mis-statement of the canonical positions assumed, and of the arguments used to sustain them; with charges of connivance and fraud poured upon the characters of some of her most valued Sons: the Diocese of New Jersey may not rest in apathy, without disgrace. The Diocese of New Jersey speaks, therefore, through her Convention, to justify her course, and vindicate her fame. No more effectual course can be adopted to attain this object, than to pursue the reply of the Presenters, to the statement and remonstrance of the Committee of New Jersey; to exhibit its temper; to expose its errors; and to refute its statements.

We have spoken of that reply, as stained, with unmeasured invective. Here, are our proofs. The Presenters assert, "that the Conventions of New Jersey, have used efforts, to evade a judicial investigation, of the crimes laid to the charge of the Bishop." They pronounce, their proceedings, "a scheme;" "a last effort, to escape, from the dangers of a trial;" as "*exhibiting devotion to an individual, at the expense of the Church of God*" They denounce the report, as "false and worthless." They brand the missionaries, as "depending upon the Bishop for their vote, and daily bread; and subject to his will." They denounce clergy and laity, as unmindful, as well of the Church, "as of the precepts of the New Testament."

They conclude their catalogue of epithets and calumnies, by declaring, that "it must be apparent, that the Convention of New Jersey were incapable of sitting, even as a fair inquest, on a presentment." That an excited litigant, in a desperate cause, should, for the want of a better defence, berate his adversary, is sometimes tolerated. But, we submit, whether it was just and proper in these Rt. Rev. Bishops, thus to traduce the character of a Diocese of the Church. They must have overlooked the fact, that each one of them, himself; represented a diocese, to which station he had been elected, by a diocesan Convention; and that, there, among its parishes, with its clergy and its laity, lie the source of his influence and usefulness, and the field of his labours for the Church. They must have been unmindful, that to these dioceses, one of the oldest of which, they declare "to be incapable of sitting, even as a fair inquest upon a presentment," the Church, both by canon and by immemorial usage, has entrusted the high and responsible duties, both of electing its Bishop, and of presenting him for trial. To deny the capacity of a diocese to perform the duties enjoined upon it, by law, is to deny the wisdom of the law itself. While we might here justly retaliate upon our accusers, by questioning their capacity to make a fair presentment, and by expos-

ing the mode and manner, in which they came into New Jersey, and held a secret inquest on the character of our Bishop; we repel, as an insult, and a wrong, this attempt of the Bishops of Virginia, Ohio and Maine, to hold a triumvirate inquest, over the capacity of the Diocese of New Jersey.

The Presenters impeach the integrity of the Convention of 1849, by insisting that it was bound to institute an inquiry, upon the mere existence of rumours, and their publication in a secular newspaper. And three Bishops, men of station and of intellect, venture to support this proposition, by a reference to the scripture, that "a Bishop should be of good report, of them that are without." They forget, that we are forbidden to receive an accusation against an elder, but before two, or three, witnesses; a precept importing an open charge, as well as the extent of the evidence. They forget, that this was the command of an Apostle, to a Bishop: to guide him in the administration of discipline. They pass over the fact, that neither charge was presented, nor witnesses pointed out. What would they deem the report, which will justify enquiry? Do they suppose, that "the accusation, by public rumour, of crimes and offences," spoken of in the canon, is any low whisper of envy, or hatred, or every breathing of uncharitableness? It appears to be their creed, that no common sense, no charitable bearing, no spirit of order, or justice, which regulates the course of civil tribunals shall be allowed: but detraction and calumny have only to utter their voice; and a Bishop must be summoned to the ordeal of investigation, and the peace of a Diocese invaded.

The whole case was this. At the Convention of 1849, a resolution was offered, that the Convention enter upon an enquiry into the conduct of Bishop Doane. Nothing was laid before that Convention, but the assertion of the mover, that rumours against him existed, and the production of a newspaper, containing them. No one, then, dared to exhibit them, under his hand, in a formal paper. The challenge was given, by individual members, to do so; and was not met. The Convention refused to proceed, upon such baseless grounds. We claim, from every man of common justice, or common sense, commendation for this decision: and leave the denunciation of the Presenters, to its merited fate.

They assert, that the Convention of 1851, designedly evaded the reception of an accusation; and adjourned, with precipitation, with its business unfinished, to prevent it. We answer, that the regular business of the Convention, *was* finished; that the motion, to adjourn, came first from one, who has approved of the course, against the Bishop; and that it was publicly declared, that, if any one had any special business to lay before it, the Convention would hold over. We demand, that our assertion of facts, within our knowledge, be taken, as equal, at least, to the belief, of the Presenters, of the mistakes of others.

Again. They impeach the honesty of the Special Convention of New Jersey, assembled in March, 1852, because it did not proceed to investigate, after the charges of the four accusers and the accompanying affidavits had been laid before it. And they contest the assertion of the Convention, that it could not have so proceeded, within the scope of the call which convened it. They overlook the fact, that the call itself declared, that the Bishop never would summon a convention for that purpose; that this very convention, ratified and adopted his opinion, that to do so, at the requisition of the Three Bishops, would be a surrender of the rights of the Diocese. They will not see, that, by the act of the Bishop, and the

concurrence of the Convention, that body was in fact prohibited, from an investigation: that this would have been doing, what they agreed, in characterizing an usurpation, to ask; and had peremptorily refused, to perform. Whether they were right, or wrong, in the position, thus assumed, is one question; but what becomes of the impeachment of our sincerity, made by the Presenters, on this foundation?

But, they say, the Convention was inconsistent; that it did go beyond the scope of the call, because it passed resolutions expressive of undiminished confidence in its Bishop; and, that any such proceedings would be injurious; but that previous conventions had been ready, and they believed future conventions would be so, to examine, when called upon. So, then, in the logic of the Presenters, the expression of an opinion as to the expediency of an act, with the declaration, that it will still be performed, if duly demanded, is the same thing, as doing that very act, which they were then forbidden to perform.

The Convention of May, 1852, is denounced by the Presenters, because it rejected a resolution, offered by way of amendment, instructing the Committee to receive all other charges, besides those included in the presentment. We answer, that such instruction, would have been utterly inconsistent, with the established rules of the convention, and with the wisest principles of justice. We have ever demanded a formal charge, with a responsible name.

They next refer to the declaration of the Convention, "that the paper, signed by the three Bishops, furnished the first and only occasion, to investigate charges against its Bishop," and tell us that it requires a refined logic, to discriminate between the paper, signed by the three Bishops, and the paper, signed by four laymen. We will assist them, to the distinction. The Convention had demanded formal accusations, in a definite form, signed by some one. The laymen never had made them, to the Convention. When signed by them, and transmitted to the Bishops, and brought to the notice of the Convention, by *Bishop Doane*, they were accompanied with that demand for investigation, which awoke the just indignation of New Jersey. But, when the three Bishops, adopted them, and attempted to make a presentment, on the ground of "a complaint, made to them, by four laymen of the Church in New Jersey," the charges did receive an accredited form; and the Convention could consistently act. The argument of the Presenters would have had some force, had the charges been proved by the laymen, and exhibited to the Convention. It is utterly worthless, as it stands.

The Presenters come next, to the report of the Committee. They assert, that it is partial, and unfair: "Because the material witnesses, in support of the charges, were not before the Committee. Of thirty-eight witnesses, named by Mr. Halsted, all material and important, but five were examined. Not only were material witnesses for the prosecution absent, but there was no cross-examination of those called on the Bishop's side. A Committee sat in the presence of the Bishop and his counsel; sent for whom, they pleased, made up their report, and sent it to the Convention."

It will scarcely be credited, that the document, from which the Presenters, derived these statements, sets forth the following facts:—

"That the Committee appointed a first meeting, for the 9th of June, 1852, at Belden's hotel, in the City of Burlington, and sent notices to the four laymen, referred to, in the Presentment, who had made the complaint, and also to the par-

"ty accused, inviting them to attend. That they received written communications from three of such laymen, declining to appear, for reasons assigned. That "Mr. Halsted, the other layman, asked for information, whether he was summoned as a party, or attorney of a party; whether he would be allowed to cross-examine witnesses, and to produce witnesses against the Bishop, and whether the evidence, would be taken in writing, and reported." Will it be believed, that this very document stated, "That an answer was sent by the Committee to "Mr. Halsted, apprising him, that he had been noticed, as one of the parties, who made the original charge against the Bishop, and if he was counsel for any of the parties interested, in that capacity also; that the opportunity to cross-examine witnesses, and to produce witnesses, should be allowed; that the evidence should be taken down and reported;" and that such report did also state, "that all of the thirty-eight witnesses, in the list of Mr. Halsted, whose places of residence, and names could be ascertained, were summoned." What shall we say to this? The strength of the crimination lies here: that witnesses were not cross-examined; that no person was present to cross-examine; that a Committee met in the presence of the Bishop, and his counsel, to hear them, and them alone; and thus they formed their unfair report. The persons who make this crimination conceal the fact, that the accusers were invited to attend; told that they might produce testimony; told that they might cross-examine witnesses; and that every opportunity was proffered to them, to state and sustain their case. How will justice and truth speak of this unkind and baseless charge?

We proceed to the examination, of that portion of the reply, which professes to deal with the legal and canonical questions involved.

The Presenters insist, that the proceedings of New Jersey have no pretension to the character of a formal trial: that charges were not preferred; pleas were not entered; judges were not present. It could not be a trial, and the result was not a judgment. Who has ever contended, on behalf of New Jersey, that this proceeding was a formal trial? Who has ever claimed, that such was its character? The Presenters have raised a fabrication of their own, for the exhibition of their logical skill, in overthrowing it; and have neglected to understand, or have misrepresented, the whole fabric of the remonstrance of New Jersey. Her proposition is, and has ever been, that, by the just construction of the canon of the Church, and under the application of wise and admitted principles of civil law, this proceeding was equivalent to a dismissal, on the merits, of a charge, for which the party was not again, to be brought into question.

While our Church has but slightly prescribed the forms of her proceedings, and never the rules of her judgments; she has ever recognized the great principles, which the wisdom and learning of ages have sanctioned, as essentials, in the administration of justice. None among these is more sacred, or more just, than this: that one investigation of a case, before a forum, known and approved, by the Body, to whose power, a party has become subject; fairly conducted, and upon due notice, shall arrest a subsequent proceeding, upon the same matter. This law of right and conscience, in various forms of its application, with more or less rigor in detail, pervades the systems of the civilized world. This is the law, New Jersey has invoked. By this, let her cause be judged.

But it is said, (and we now reach an argument,) that the inherent constitution

of such a tribunal of investigation, precludes the possibility, that the result shall be of any avail for any purpose, unless it lead to a presentment. In other words, that the law authorizes, a renewal of the same charges, calling for repeated examinations, although conventions after conventions, or Bishops after Bishops, have examined and dismissed the accusations; that nothing, in short, will satisfy the canon's inexorable demand, but presentment and trial.

We insist, that the canon does not expressly, or by any necessary implication, prescribe such a rule. No one will contend, that it is inconsistent with that canon, that some effect may be given, some regard had, to the enquiries and conclusions of three Bishops, or of a convention. The weight and consequence, to be attached to them, may be a question: but to suppose that this canon renders every such investigation, however thorough and honest, available, if it result in accusation, and utterly powerless, if it end in exculpation, is as illogical, as it is inequitable.

The view presented then, rests ultimately and chiefly upon the fact, that the accusers and their witnesses, were not before the body, investigating; were under no obligation to be there; and their absence, of itself, robs the report, and consequent action, of all force.

This proposition has been sometimes stated, as if the accusers, and the witnesses, were not at liberty to attend. We conceive it needless to discuss the question, in this, its extreme form.

The next view presented, is, that the accusers and witnesses, were justifiable, in refusing to attend; and that this justifiable refusal deprives the proceedings of any weight.

And, lastly, that, even if such refusal was without just cause, the mere fact of their neglect to attend, must produce the same effect.

It is the second of these propositions, which requires an examination. It deserves the more consideration, because, to some extent, it is countenanced by one eminent, in every portion of a distinguished, and influential life. Yet, we must question its validity; and deprecate its consequences. The point must be regarded, without reference to the existence of a presentment; and, next, as influenced by it.

The question is unaffected by any obligation arising from the exertion of civil power, or the direction of ecclesiastical authority. There is no law of the former to bind, and no provision of the latter, to govern us. We are to seek the rule of conduct, in the great principles of justice, and right reason; in the enlightened desire, to fulfil our duties, as men, and chiefly as brethren, knit together in the fellowship of the Catholic Church.

Now, a right to investigate is the incontestable attendant, of a right to present. The Presenters acted upon this supposition. They did not at once pronounce, that the statements made to them, were true, or sufficient, and enquiry needless. They made an examination, which they have represented, as formal and careful. The Body, then, to enquire—whether Convention, or Bishops—is a tribunal, an organ, an instrument of the Church; to find whether there is, or is not, a foundation for a presentment. Such a tribunal, or instrument—the Convention at large, or acting through a committee—is as necessarily implied in the canon, as if it had been expressly recognized, and regulated. We deny the justice of the reasoning, which sanctions the refusal of those to appear, whose statements might bring the

guilty to trial, or shield the innocent from oppression. The Church, when she sanctions such a tribunal, has a right to expect, that all who owe her allegiance, will appear before it, as readily, as if summoned to answer before the Bishops in a Court. Can the existence of a presentment, assuming that there was one in full force, at the time, vary this result?

That presentment could, at any time, have been dismissed, or abandoned by the parties making it. That presentment, it is stated by the high authority of the Bishop of Vermont, and admitted by the assistant Bishop of Virginia, was actually superseded by, and merged in, the second. There was no court in existence, to entertain jurisdiction. It was uncertain, until the day of meeting, whether any court could be constituted. The result of the open investigation of the Committee, might have satisfied the Presenters, of the insufficiency of all their charges; as it demonstrated that many of them could not be true. It cannot be, that the existence of a revocable presentment, in the hands of the Presiding Bishop, at the will of the Presenters, not before a court, and virtually withdrawn, can excuse from such an obligation, as we have sought to show, did exist, without reference to it.

If, then, the accusers, when summoned, refused, without just cause, to appear; if the witnesses cited, neglected, without a valid reason, to testify; if every means was adopted to make the investigation, a contest of opposing parties, and the proffer was refused: who may now venture to brand these proceedings, as the partial enquiry of bigoted friends? Who shall presume to rob the resolutions of validity and force, by reason of the unwarrantable inaction of others?

We here close our examination of the reply, of the Presenters. We have shown it to be characterized, by great prejudice against our Diocese, distinguished by gross errors in its statements, and flagrant faults in its reasoning.

The Statement of New Jersey, and the reply of the Presenters, were brought before the Court, and its opinion and judgment asked, upon the whole matter; as well upon our request to be heard, as upon the law and facts of the case. We appeared before the Court, for the legal purpose of taking its opinion, as to our rights and duties, under a canon of the Church. Our Bishop was presented for trial, under that canon, for charges, which the Convention, in the exercise of its rights under the same law, had investigated, and determined that they afforded no ground for presentment. The question to be settled was one of conflicting rights, between authorities, either dependent, or co-ordinate; between a Diocese, and three Bishops, claiming to act under the same law; both taking cognizance of the same case, and each arraigning the Bishop, upon the same allegations of crime. The one had pronounced him, innocent; the other saw reason, to believe him guilty. The three Bishops seeking to justify their action, by impeaching the fidelity and honesty of the prior investigation, and the judgment of the Diocese.

Sad, indeed, must be the condition of the Church, and deplorable the situation of a diocese, if there be no legal way, to put an end to a conflict, so harassing to her Bishop, and so destructive to her peace.

The case presented, by the Diocese of New Jersey, to the Court of Bishops, brought this conflict of opinion and action, where both law and religion require that all such disputes should be brought, to the judgment of the Church, by her highest judicial power. The presentment of the Bishop, made under such cir-

circumstances, directly involved our canonical rights, our diocesan privileges, our honesty as men, and our purity as Christians. To remain silent, when such a case was to be tried, not to go to the Court, and demand a hearing, would have been treachery, on the part of the Diocese; and not to have been allowed a hearing, when it was asked, would have been arbitrary, on the part of the Court.

On the 15th October, 1852, being the 5th day of its session, the Court of Bishops, after full argument, and upon due consideration, made the following decision upon the case, as appears by the record thereof:

"Ordered, that the opinion of the Members of the Court be now delivered. Whereupon it was decreed that, *Whereas*, previous to the making, of the Presentment, now before this Court, the Convention of New Jersey had investigated most of the matters contained therein, and had determined, that there was no ground for presentment; therefore,

"Ordered, That, as to the matters, thus acted upon by said Convention, this Court is not called upon to proceed further.

"WHEREAS, The Diocese of New Jersey, stands pledged to investigate any charges against its Bishop, that may be presented from any responsible source; And *Whereas*, A special Convention has been called, shortly to meet in reference to the new matters contained in the presentment, now before this Court; therefore,

"Ordered, That this Court, relying upon the said pledge, do not now proceed, to any further action in the premises."

This decision, is the judgment, of the highest Court known to the Church; and, as it gives a judicial construction, to a canon of the Church, is, itself, part of the law of the Church. From it, there is no appeal. To it, all Churchmen, are bound to submit. The points decided, are so clearly stated, that no one, who had read the proceedings of the Court, upon which it is founded, can mistake its meaning.

To this decision the Diocese of New Jersey has cheerfully submitted and has faithfully performed, what is there required of her, to do.

On the 27th October, 1852, a special Convention of our Diocese met at Newark; and the order and decree of the Court of Bishops were laid before it. Whereupon, the Convention adopted the following resolutions:—

"Resolved, That the new matters mentioned in the presentment, read before that Court, be referred to a Committee, with instructions to proceed with diligence, and with all convenient despatch, to make a full investigation, of the said new matters, contained in the said new presentment, and that they report to this Convention."

"Resolved, That when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday, the first day of December, 1852, in St. Mary's Church, Burlington, to receive the report of the Committee of Investigation."

Pursuant to its adjournment, the Convention met on the first day of December, at Burlington; when the Committee, appointed to investigate the said new matters, made their unanimous report in writing, together with all the evidence, and proofs taken by them. Which report and evidence has been printed and published, by the Convention. Upon this report, being read, considered, and accepted, the Convention adopted, among others, the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That the result of this investigation and the evidence, now laid before the Convention, renew and strengthen, the confidence, heretofore expressed, in the integrity of the Right Rev., the Bishop of this Diocese, and, in our opinion, fully exculpate him, from any charge of crime, or immorality, made against him."

Resolved, That the report and testimony be printed in the Journal; and that a copy of the same be transmitted, to every Bishop of the Church, and to the Standing Committees of such Dioceses, as are without a Bishop, or whose Bishop is under disability."

The Diocese of New Jersey, having thus promptly, and faithfully complied, with the decree of the Court, thankful to Almighty God, for deliverance from contention and strife, congratulated itself, its Bishop, and the Church, that every charge of crime, or immorality against its Bishop had been fairly, and fully, investigated, according to the law of the Church; found to be untrue; and, finally, dismissed from further prosecution, by the decree of the highest judicature of the Church.

In making this vindication, we disclaim all intention, to question the motives, or prescribe the duties of others. Our only object is to defend our own diocesan rights, and to vindicate the course of conduct, which we have felt it our duty to pursue, in support of those rights. So long as our position remained open for controversy, and adjudication, we felt restrained, by a due regard for law and order, not to notice, the many gross misrepresentations of our conduct, preferring to submit in silence, even to the aspersions cast upon our Christian character; until our course of conduct in the whole matter, might be examined, and tried, in a manner becoming Christians and Churchmen, under, and through, those legal proceedings, established for the settlement of such questions; and be either condemned, or sustained, by the judicial opinion of the Church. That opinion having been obtained, our position was changed. The controversy was no longer open for agitation, much less, for cavil and abuse. The rights, for which we contended, had been maintained; and our conduct, in defending them, sanctioned by the solemn decree of the highest Court of the Church. Under this decree, the Diocese of New Jersey hoped to find repose; repose from agitation, repose for her parishes, repose for her holy altars, repose for her consecrated Bishop.

But the Presenters would not rest. Defying the authority of a supreme tribunal, and disregarding its solemn decree, the three Bishops have surprised and afflicted the Church, with a third presentment, founded upon the identical matters, stated in that dismissed by the Court, and based upon the like denial of our rights, and upon similar charges against our faithfulness, as a Diocese, and our integrity, as men.

To agitations, so pertinacious, to proceedings, so disrespectful to law, and so unjust toward ourselves, we cannot, we ought not to, submit in silence. Trusting to the Christian sympathy, and just indignation of the wise, and the good, we invoke the aid and influence of all, who acknowledge legal authority, and respect the decree of a lawful tribunal, of all who prefer peace and order, to discord and confusion, to assist, in supporting the judgment of the Court of Bishops, and in

avoiding the renewal of a controversy; as destructive to the peace of the Church at large, as it will be oppressive to the Diocese of New Jersey.

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R. P. THOMPSON,
ELIAS B. D. OGDEN.

The report was accepted and on the question on the adoption of the report and the accompanying resolutions, they were adopted by yeas and nays, as follows:

Yeas, of the Clergy—Morehouse, Dunn, Finch, Williams, Germain, Stubbs, Paterson, Lybrand, Otis, Watson, D. D., Frost, Phillips, Rankin, Mackie, Bartlett, Southard, Rosé, Pettit, Hyde, Brown, Rowland, Gries, E. K. Smith, Goodwin, Adams, Hoffman, Wright. —27.

Nays—Moore, Stratton. 2.

Declined voting—Lowell. 1.

Yeas, of the Laity—Christ, Shrewsbury; St. Mary's, Burlington; Trinity, Newark; Christ, New Brunswick; Christ, Newton; St. Andrew's, Mount Holly; St. Peter's, Spottswood; St. Peter's, Freehold; St. John's, Salem; St. Thomas', Glassborough; St. Paul's, Paterson; St. Mark's, Orange; St. Peter's, Morristown; St. Paul's, Camden; Christ, Bordentown; St. Paul's, Rahway; Grace, Newark; Trinity, Moorestown; St. Andrew's, Lambertville; Grace, Jersey City; St. Thomas, Vernon; St. Paul's, Trenton; Ascension, Gloucester; House of Prayer, Newark; Christ, Newark; St. John's, Somerville; St. John's, Camden; St. John's, Dover. 28.

Nays—St. Peter's, Perth Amboy; St. John's, Elizabethtown; Christ, Allentown; Trinity, Swedesborough; St. Matthew's, Jersey City. 5.

Divided—St. Peter's, Berkeley. 1.

Declined Voting—Christ, Belleville. 1.

The former Committee was appointed, to present the subject before the Court of Bishops.

The following persons were nominated to the General Convention, as Trustees of the General Theological Seminary. The Rev. Messrs. Henderson, Williams, Stubbs, Morehouse, Watson, D. D., Finch, and Southard, and J. W. Condit, J. C. Garthwaite, F. Smith, and E. B. D. Ogden.

The Committee, on the subject of the Incidental Expenses, reported as follows:—

The Committee, appointed at the adjourned Convention, held on the first of December last, to raise the funds necessary to defray the expenses of printing the Journals, &c., beg leave respectfully to report,—That, having ascertained that the cost of printing all the work ordered to be done, by the several Conventions of the past year, would be about six hundred dollars, and that there was besides, an old bill of the previous year, still unpaid, of about eighty dollars, and no funds in the hands of the Treasurer wherewith to pay it; they adopted, as the best mode

of attaining the object of their appointment, a precedent established by former Conventions, viz: an assessment upon each Parish of a rate proportionate to its relative ability, as this could be best ascertained. Accordingly they issued a Circular, notifying every Parish—with some few exceptions—of the amounts assessed upon them, and requesting provision to be made therefor.

Many of the Parishes responded promptly to this notice, and remitted to the Chairman of your Committee the full amount asked of them; some have paid a portion only; and others—some of them doubtless, from forgetfulness—have, as yet, paid nothing.

Annexed to this report, is a list of the Parishes,* with the amounts assessed upon them, and in a parallel column, the sums severally paid by them. The receipts, \$508.05 have enabled your committee to discharge a large portion of the debt, but there is still a remainder, unprovided for, of about \$170.00, including the old debt of eighty dollars; all which could be paid at once, if the Parishes yet in arrears would provide for their respective quotas. A second Circular was sent to each of these, early in April last, but, with one exception, no notice has been taken of it. What further measures, if any, shall be adopted to raise this money, your Committee leave to this Convention to determine. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT B. AKRTSEN,
E. B. D. OGDEN,
J. C. GARTHWAITE.

BURLINGTON, May 25, 1853.

One thousand copies of the Journal were ordered to be printed; and one thousand additional copies of the report of the Committee, on the subject of the presentation of the Bishop.

Messrs. Meeker and Nichols, were appointed to audit the Treasurer's account.

The same Committee was continued on the expenses necessary for printing the Journals; with power to collect the balance of the old assessment, and to make a new one.

J. Sharp and L. Taylor, were appointed to take charge of the funds arising out of the sale of St. Paul's Church, Clinton.

The minutes were read, amended, and approved.

After Singing and Devotions, the Convention adjourned.

GEORGE W. DOANE, D.D., LL.D.,

President of the Convention.

ANDREW BELL PATERSON, *Secretary.*

* See page 28.

ASSESSMENT UPON THE SEVERAL PARISHES ON ACCOUNT OF PRINTING.

AMOUNTS ASSESSED.		AMOUNTS PAID.	
St. Mary's Church, Burlington,	\$40 00	St. Marys, Church, Burlington,	47 19
St. Peter's " Perth Amboy,	14 00	St Peter's " Perth Amboy,	14 00
Christ " Shrewsbury, }			
Christ " Middletown, }	32 00	From these 3,	32 00
Trinity " Red Bank, }			
St. John's " Elizabethtown,	28 00	St. John's Church, Elizabethtown,	9 61
Trinity " Newark,	40 00	Trinity " Newark,	40 00
Christ " New Brunswick,	24 00	Christ " New Brunswick,	24 00
Christ " Newton,	10 00	Christ " Newton,	10 00
Christ " Allentown,	4 00		
St. Andrew's " Mount Holly,	24 00	St. Andrew's " Mount Holly	24 00
St. Michael's " Trenton,	32 00		
St. Peter's " Spottswood,	12 00	St. Peter's " Spottswood,	3 00
St. Peter's " Freehold,	8 00	St. Peter's " Freehold,	8 00
St. James' " Knowlton, }			
St. Luke's " Hope, }	12 00		
Zion " Belvidere, }			
St. Peter's " Berkely,	9 00		
Trinity " Swedesborough,	32 00	Trinity " Swedesborough,	32 00
St. John's " Salem,	20 00	St. Johns " Salem,	20 00
St. George's " Penn's Neck,	8 00		
St. Thomas' " Glassborough,	4 00	St. Thomas' " Glassborough,	4 00
St. Stephen's " Mullica Hill,	4 00		
St. Matthew's " Jersey City,	24 00		
St. Paul's " Paterson,	18 00	St. Paul's " Paterson,	18 15
St. Mark's " Orange,	28 00	St. Mark's " Orange,	28 00
St. Peter's " Morristown,	20 00	St. Peter's " Morristown,	15 00
St. Paul's " Camden,	20 00	St. Paul's " Camden,	20 00
Trinity " Princeton,	32 00	Trinity " Princeton,	19 62
Christ " Belleville,	25 00		
St. Paul's " Rahway,	20 00	*St. Paul's " Rahway,	15 00
St. Paul's " Hoboken,	9 00	St. Paul's " Hoboken,	9 15
Christ " Bordentown,	16 00	Christ " Bordentown,	16 00
St. Stephen's " Beverly,	10 00		
Grace " Newark,	25 00	Grace " Newark,	25 00
Trinity " Moorestown,	12 00	Trinity " Moorestown,	4 00
Calvary " Flemington, }			
St. Andrew's " Lambertville, }	8 00	St. Andrew's " Lambertville,	3 05
Grace " Haddonfield,	6 00	Grace " Haddonfield,	6 58
Grace " Van Vorst,	20 00	Grace " Van Vorst,	20 00
St. John's " West Hoboken,	8 00		
St. Thomas' " Vernon,	8 00		
St. Paul's " Trenton,	20 00		
Ascension " Gloucester City,	6 00	fMay 25, \$15.	
Trinity " Middletown Point,	5 00	Ascension, " Gloucester City,	5 42
Grace " Elizabethport,	8 00		
House of Prayer, Newark,	25 00	*House of Prayer, Newark,	17 58
St. John's Church, Dover,	5 00	St. John's Church, Dover,	5 00
Holy Trinity " Hudson,	5 00		
St. John's " Camden,	3 50	St. John's " Camden,	3 50
St. John's " Somerville,	5 00	St. John's " Somerville,	5 00
Christ " Newark,	2 00	Christ " Newark,	2 00
	\$750 50		\$507 05
		Donation from W. C. Dayton, Esq.,	1 00
			\$508 05

*Since paid in full.

†Since paid \$15.

CHURCHES AND CHAPELS,

IN

THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY ;

With the date of their origin, as near as could be ascertained ; or
of their admission into union with the Convention.

St. Peter's, Perth Amboy, before 1700, probably 1685.
Christ, Shrewsbury and Middletown, 1702.
St. Mary's, Burlington, 1704.
St. John's, Elizabethtown, 1704.
Trinity, Newark.
St. John's, Salem, 1721.
Christ, New Brunswick, 1742-43.
Christ, Newton, 1759.
Christ, Allentown, before the Revolution.
Christ, Johnsonsburgh.
Trinity, Woodbridge, before the Revolution.
St. Andrew's Mount Holly, before the Revolution.
St. Michael's, Trenton, before the Revolution.
St. James', Piscatawa, before the Revolution.
St. Mary's, Colestown, before the Revolution.
St. Peter's, Spottswood, before the Revolution.
St. Peter's, Freehold, 1788, probably much earlier.
St. James', Knowlton, 1788.
St. John's, Chew's Landing, 1791, probably earlier.
St. Peter's, Berkeley, 1791, probably earlier.
Trinity, Swedesborough, 1792.
St. George's, Penn's Neck, 1792.
St. Thomas', Glassborough, 1798.
St. Stephen's, Mullica Hill, 1823.
St. Thomas', Alexandria.
St. Matthew's, Jersey City, 1824.
St. Paul's, Paterson, 1824.
St. Mark's, Orange, 1827.
St. Peter's, Morristown, 1827.
St. Luke's, Hope, 1828.
St. Paul's, Camden, 1830.
Trinity, Princeton, 1833.
Christ, Bordentown, 1835.
Christ, Belleville, 1836. Formerly, Chapel of Trinity, Newark.
St. Paul's, Rahway, 1836.
St. Paul's, Hoboken, 1836.

Trinity Chapel, Moravia.
 Zion, Belvidere.
 St. Stephen's, Beverly, 1837.
 Grace, Newark, 1837.
 Trinity, Moorestown, 1838.
 Calvary, Flemington, 1843.
 Grace, Haddonfield, 1843.
 Trinity, Fairview, 1845.
 St. Andrew's Amwell, at Lambertville, 1846.
 Grace, (Van Vorst, in) Jersey City, 1847.
 St. Phillip's, Newark, 1848.
 St. Matthew's, Newark, 1848.
 St. Thomas, Vernon, 1848.
 St. Paul's, Trenton, 1849.
 Ascension, Gloucester, 1849.
 Grace, Elizabethport, 1850.
 Trinity, Middletown Point, 1850.
 House of Prayer, Newark, 1851.
 Christ Free Mission, Newark, 1852.
 St. John's, Somerville, 1852.
 St. John's, Camden, 1852.
 Church of the Holy Trinity, Hudson, 1852.
 St. John's, Dover 1852.
 St. Paul's, Newark, 1853.
 Christ, Elizabethtown, 1853.
 St. Stephen's, Millville, 1853.

Parochial Reports.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BURLINGTON:

THE RIGHT REVEREND GEORGE WASHINGTON DOANE, D.D., LL.D., RECTOR;

THE REVEREND WILLIAM CROSWELL DOANE, ASSISTANT MINISTER.

Confirmed, 64.

Families, and individual pewholders, 130; baptisms, (infants 15, adults 9), 24; communicants 290; marriages 3; funerals 13. Offerings of the Church, (charities of the parish, \$99.43; Diocesan Missions, \$165.25; General Missions, \$91.06;) \$354.74. Parish School, \$325; other objects, \$66.74—total, \$746.48. Sunday School, 127; Parish School, 40.

Daily morning prayers. Holy Communion, at Christmas, Easter, Whitsunday, and on the first Sunday of every month. Catechising, "openly in the Church," once a month. The Offerings of the Church, with Offertory and Prayer for Christ's Church Militant, every Lord's Day. The Parish School for girls, under the care of some ladies of the parish, receives fifty children for plain English education, with plain sewing, and weekly catechisms.

The Rev. Mr. Frost renders valuable service in this parish.

Rt. Rev. Father in God:—Since I was admitted by you, on the 6th of March, (4th Sunday in Lent,) to the Holy Order of Deacons, I have endeavored, by the help of God, to discharge the duties of my sacred office, in assisting in the performance of Divine Service, and the administration of the Sacraments, in searching "for the sick, poor and impotent people of the parish," and in reverently obeying you, as your Deacon, and your Assistant in St. Mary's Church.

I have administered the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, twice; assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion, five times; read the Burial Service, twice; solemnized Matrimony, twice; catechized the children, (in your absence) "openly in the Church," once; preached, twelve times; said daily morning prayers in St. Mary's Church, and visited and catechized the children of the Parish School.

I have also been engaged in the performance of my duties, as Adjunct Professor of English Literature, in Burlington College.

With faithful reverence and love, your son in Christ,

WILLIAM CROSWELL DOANE.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, PERTH AMBOY:

THE REV. HORACE L. EDGAR PRATT, RECTOR ELECT.

Families and pewholders, about 44; communicants, averaging 35; baptisms, 6; confirmations, 3; marriages, 3; funerals, (belonging to the pa-

rish, 6; others, 7), 13. Offerings of the Church, (charities and building fund, \$51.19; Diocesan assessment, for Convention expenses, \$13.00; fund for Widows and Orphans of Clergymen, \$12.00; "Bible and Prayer Book Society," \$17.25; special collection for Breck's Indian Mission, \$50.00;)—total, 144.19.

Prayers on all Holy Days; in Lent, every Wednesday and Friday, (with a lecture), and daily in Passion Week. Holy Communion, every Sunday, and on all the great festivals. Children catechized, openly before the congregation, once a month. Number of catechumens, averaging 20.

New Brick Church built, since July 1852; and nearly ready for Consecration.

CHRIST CHURCH, SHREWSBURY; CHRIST CHURCH, MIDDLETOWN; AND TRINITY CHAPEL, RED BANK.

THE REV. HARRY FINCH, RECTOR.

THE REV. ELI WHEELER, ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHRIST CHURCH, SHREWSBURY, AND TRINITY CHAPEL, RED BANK.

Families (added, 2, removed 1, present number), 103; communicants, (added—Shrewsbury 8; Red Bank, 4; removed 1; died, 5,) 185; baptisms—(Shrewsbury, adults, 5, children 18; Red Bank, children 9; Middletown, infant 1), 33; confirmed, (Shrewsbury 7, Red Bank, 5), 12; marriages, (Shrewsbury 5, Red Bank 7), 12; funerals, (Shrewsbury 10, Red Bank 8), 18; Offerings, (Shrewsbury, Board of Domestic Missions, \$7.65; Middletown, \$5.00; Red Bank, \$2.13; Shrewsbury, Board of Foreign Missions, \$10.44; Middletown, \$7.00; Red Bank, \$3.79; Diocesan Missions, Shrewsbury, \$65.00;) monies raised for Parochial purposes, (Shrewsbury,) \$450.00; Middletown, about \$250.00; assessment for printing Journals \$30.00.

The Church at Middletown, by the zealous exertions of a few individuals, has been repaired, and much improved. The congregation is increasing, and is now larger than at any former period, under its present Rector.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ELIZABETHTOWN:

THE REV. E. C. MOORE, RECTOR.

Baptisms, (adults, 2, infants, 33), total 35; confirmed 10; communicants, about 84; marriages, 9; funerals attended, 25; Offerings of the Church—for Diocesan Missions, \$35.43; Domestic, 61.92; Foreign, \$63.50; Elizabeth Port, \$2.93; Minesota, \$49.27; Chippewa, \$2.63; Nashotah, \$2.12; Africa, \$1.32—Total, \$219.12. Communion fund, \$124.51; for Sunday School purposes, about \$55.00; Parochial purposes, \$200.00; New Years' Missionary Offering of Sunday School, \$15.00—Total, \$612.62.

Although there has been the usual number of additions to the communion during the last year, the loss by death, removal, and withdrawal, has been so great, as to make the number reported less than at the last Convention. The diminution has been chiefly occasioned by the formation of the new Parish of Christ Church; twenty one of the former communicants of St. John's having connected themselves with that enterprize.

The Rector is happy to report, that his congregation is in a very flourishing condition. The interest, in all which pertains to the true welfare of the Church, is, he believes, greatly increased. The Sunday School also continues to flourish, under the care of 15 Teachers. The number of Scholars is 96.

It becomes my painful duty to report the sudden and lamented death of our invaluable superintendent, Miss Eliza Stackhouse. For more than 17 years she was the animating spirit of the School; not more respected than beloved both by Teachers and Scholars, as well as by the entire congregation. As an evidence of their just appreciation of her worth, and of their sincere sorrow for her unexpected death, the Teachers and Scholars have resolved to erect a suitable tablet to her memory.

TRINITY CHURCH, NEWARK:

THE REV. M. H. HENDERSON, RECTOR.

Baptisms, (5 adults, 50 infants), 55; confirmed, 30; communicants, (added 41, died and removed 32), 260; marriages, 20; funerals, 39; Offerings, \$202.00; aged and disabled clergymen, \$18.52; Episcopal Sunday School Union, \$27.04; General Missionary Society, Christmas Offering S. S., \$7.09; Foreign, \$31.57; Domestic, \$43.12—\$81.78; German Mission, \$140.67. From the Legacy of Hanford Smith, there has been paid to "Offerings of the Church," \$214.69; New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, \$214.69; and to the General Missionary Society, \$429.37.—\$858.74. Sunday School teachers, 30; scholars, 225; books, 400. Catechetical lecture, monthly.

A new organ of the first class, with three banks of keys has been placed in the Church, at a cost of three thousand dollars, through the liberality of members of the congregation. The Clothing Society has dispensed its charities during the past season among the poor and destitute.

In anticipating the absence of a few months in Europe,—through the kind consideration and generosity of his Vestry and congregation,—for rest and relaxation from labors, which, except in the case of severe illness, have not been intermitted for many years; the Rector would gratefully acknowledge the divine blessing that hath rested upon the labors of himself and brethren. A feeble flock, of some thirty or forty attendants, was the only congregation in Newark, a little more than twenty years ago.

Now, the "little one" has "become a thousand." The sixth Church hath been set apart under the most auspicious circumstances, to the service and worship of God, while two other congregations are regularly organized within the limits of the city, which are yet without an appropriate edifice.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SALEM:

THE REV. ANDREW BELL PATERSON, RECTOR.

Families, 60; baptisms, (infants, 9, adults 2), total 11; confirmed, 4, communicants, (died 2, removed 6, added 16, present number 71); marriages, 4; funerals, 8; Sunday School Teachers, 11; Scholars, 70; contributions—Missions, Diocesan \$62.91; Domestic, \$30.00; Minnesota, \$85.00; Nashota, \$25.00; Communion alms, \$74.00; Convention fund, \$20.00; Parochial purposes, \$600.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEWTON:

THE REV. CLARKSON DUNN, RECTOR.

The Parish is manifestly benefitted, and is gradually strengthening, through the assistance of the Rev. Mr. Pettit. Services are better attended; and they have been more numerous during the past year. Besides the Missionary duties reported by him, there has been divine service on every Friday in Lent, and on other days there have been services in different parts of the neighborhood. Catechizing the children is regularly kept up in the Church, and elsewhere. Numbers have, however, not changed. There continue to be about, families 50; communicants, 40; baptisms, (adults 3, children 13), 16; marriages, 10; funerals, 11; Offerings of the Church—Diocesan, \$5; General, \$8; Episcopal Fund, \$5; other purposes, \$15.—Total, \$33

BRIDGETON:

THE REV. ANDREW BELL PATERSON, MISSIONARY.

There has been service at Bridgeton every fourth Sunday afternoon; congregation from 75 to 300. Baptisms, adult, 1; confirmed, 2; communicants, 16.

TRINITY CHURCH, WOODBRIDGE:

THE REV. JAMES CHAPMAN, MISSIONARY.

To the Rt. Rev. G. W. Doane, D. D., LL. D.:—I continue to officiate as Missionary to Trinity Church, Woodbridge, as often as circumstances allow. The congregation is small, the losses by deaths and removals during several years last past, not being made up by the accession of a few new residents. There is much to discourage; but it is doubtless well to take

care of the things that remain, in hope of better things to come. Since my last report, I have baptized three infants, and attended two funerals at Woodbridge; and twenty funerals at other stations; and solemnized four marriages.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MOUNT HOLLY:

THE REV. GEORGE T. MORRHOUSE, RECTOR.

Families and pewholders, 70; baptisms, (infants, 11, adults, 3) 14; confirmed, 4; communicants, (died and removed, 7, added, 9,) 80; marriages, 7; funerals, 4; Sunday School teachers, 25; Scholars, 168, books, 580; Domestic Missions, \$70; Foreign Missions, \$30; Parochial use, \$500; total, \$600.

Service as usual on Sundays, the principal Festivals and Fasts, and during Advent and Lent. Prayer on Wednesday afternoon. Communion on the first Sunday of every month, and on Christmas, Easter, and Whitsunday.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, TRENTON:

THE REV. SAMUEL STARR, RECTOR.

Families and pewholders, 115; baptisms, (adults, 2, infants, 12), total, 14; marriages, 5; funerals, 5; confirmed, none; communicants, (died and removed 10; added, 8), present number, 108.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, PISCATAWA:

THE REV. ISAAC SMITH, MISSIONARY.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:—During the last year I have officiated regularly, through the divine blessing, in St. James' Church, Piscatawa, every Sunday, both morning and afternoon with two exceptions, when it was stormy. Also, on Thanksgiving Day, on Christmas, on Good Friday, Ash-Wednesday. On Ascension day, I was prevented from officiating, by illness. I have administered the Holy Communion on the first Sunday in each month, and on Easter and Whit-Sundays.

Baptisms, infants 4; funerals, 3; communicants added, 3; lost by removal, 2; whole number, 15.

Offerings of the Church, for Diocesan Missions, \$5; for General Domestic Missions, \$4; for Foreign Missions, \$2.68.

The number of worshippers has shown some increase. The Sunday School continues small; yet we hope, through the blessing of God, and faithful labors, that the Church and School may brighten in their prospects for the future.

At present, I think my health is gradually improving.

ST. PETERS' CHURCH, SPOTTSWOOD:

THE REV. JOSEPH F. PHILLIPS, MISSIONARY.

To the Rt. Rev., the Diocesan:—Baptisms, (infants 7, 3 of which belong to New York; adults, 2) 9; persons confirmed, 10; communicants, (died and removed 8, added 7), 51; marriages, 1; burials, 10; Offerings of the Church, applied to Diocesan Missions, \$40.16; assessment for Journals of Convention, \$3.

There has been regular morning service on Sundays, and other Holy Days, throughout the year, and the administration of the Holy Communion monthly; as well as on the greater Festivals; and, whenever practicable, weekly prayers on Wednesdays and Fridays. The Missionary's engagements on Sunday afternoons, at South Amboy, 10 miles distant, have prevented the performance of that important part of his work; "the catechizing of the children openly in the Church."

This ancient, but feeble parish, whose efforts have been tasked for the last three years to the utmost, in the praiseworthy endeavor to erect a new Church edifice; and whose exertions, the Missionary is sorry to say, have been very coldly seconded, by aid or sympathy, from the wealthier parishes of the Diocese, has, by the blessing of God, on the generous sacrifices and devoted zeal of a few of its members, the satisfaction of seeing its work brought almost to a completion; and its Vestry hope, in a very short time, to invite the Diocesan to perform the pleasing duty of consecrating to the worship of Almighty God, an edifice, conspicuous for its symmetry and simple beauty, *paid for*, and unincumbered, upon a spot hallowed by the prayers of some of the earliest Churchmen of New Jersey.

The Ladies' sewing circle continue their praiseworthy exertions in aid of the parish.

An organ has been purchased, and is soon to be placed in the new Church, and the Church-yard to be more substantially enclosed.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, FREEHOLD:

THE REV. GEORGE SAYRES, RECTOR ELECT.

Baptisms, (infants), 5; confirmed, 1; communicants, (removed 4, added, 3), 24; marriages, 2; funerals, 5; catechists, 6; catechumens, 27; Sunday School Library Books, 157; Parish Library, about 18 vols.

Offerings: for Diocesan Fund, \$7.29; for Missions, \$1.79; Collections at Holy Communion, \$18.89; for Parochial objects, \$69.84.

Service as usual on Sundays and during Lent. The Holy Eucharist has been celebrated thirteen times, since last report. The children are usually catechized in Church every Sunday afternoon, by the Minister.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BERKELEY, AT CLARKSBOROUGH :**THE REV. SAMUEL C. STRATTON, RECTOR.**

Families, about 40 ; baptisms, (infants 6, adults 1), 7 ; confirmed, none ; communicants, (added 3, removed 3), present number, 52 ; marriages, 1 ; funerals, (children 4, adults 3, two of them not of the parish), 7 ; Sunday School teachers, 8 ; scholars, 46 ; Bible class members, 17 ; Books in the Sunday School Library, 280 ; Books in the Parish Library, 150.

Contributions:—Alms at the Holy Communion, \$29.61 ; African Mission, for the education of a heathen boy, named Hiram R. Harrold, \$20.00 for the Female Orphan Asylum at Cape Palmas, \$11.75 ; by the children of the Sunday School, \$4.75 ; from the sale of articles made by the Ladies, and devoted to the same object, \$12.00 ;—\$48.50. A new barn, carriage-house, &c., on the Parsonage premises, \$206 46 ; to the Rev. Mr. Hening, Agent of the African Mission, \$10.50 ; to aid Bishop Chase in redeeming the land of Jubilee College, \$10.00 ; to aid a poor foreign *Moravian* congregation, \$10.00 ; a new silk gown to the Rector, estimated \$20.00 ; a present from his Bible class, of an elegant Silver Ladle, \$8.00 ; Books, for the Parish Library, \$11.00.—Total, \$384.07.

This Church is favored with an exemplary Choir ; in consequence of which chanting has been introduced into the regular services.

The new Parish Library, established about a year since, for the use of the adult portion of the congregation, has greatly promoted profitable reading, as well as largely increased the number of readers among us. The Rector would further add, that he has been much cheered in his labors, by the increased Christian liberality of his people, and the ability which they manifest to meet their own parochial wants, and even to aid christian objects beyond their own parish, without resorting to the too often discreditable practice, of importuning aid from others.

TRINITY CHURCH, SWEDESBOROUGH :**THE REV. EDWARD B. BOGGS, RECTOR.**

Baptisms, infants, 7 ; communicants, (died and removed, 10, added, 1), 94 ; marriages, 6 ; funerals, 15 ; Sunday School teachers, 10 ; scholars, 55 ; Offerings of the Church—total, \$47.70.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEW BRUNSWICK :**THE REV. ALFRED STUBBS, RECTOR.**

Baptisms, (adults 2, infants 26), 28 ; persons confirmed, 12 ; marriages, 3 ; funerals, 20 ; communicants, 112.

Since the last report was made, our old Church has been taken down, with the exception of the Tower, for the purpose of being enlarged ; and our service has been celebrated, meanwhile, in a Room, kindly offered us

by the Trustees of the Presbyterian congregation. The new building is not quite finished, and cannot, therefore, now, be described. It will probably be ready for consecration sometime in July. For this enlargement and improvement, we are chiefly indebted to the liberality of two ladies of the congregation, Mrs. S. V. Hoffman, and Mrs. R. J. Livingston. "May God remember them for the good deeds that they have done for the House of our God, and for the offices thereof."

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, PENN'S NECK:

THE REV. WILLIAM B. OTIS, MISSIONARY.

I have continued to officiate regularly at this station, during the past year. Our attendance is evidently increasing, and I think, under the blessing of God, we have every reason to feel encouraged.

Baptisms, infants, 8; deaths, 3; marriages, 2; communicants, 20.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, MULLICA HILL:

Right Rev. and Dear Sir:—From our last report up to the 20th day of February last, when the Rev. Erastus De Wolf, (of the Diocese of Illinois), our present Rector elect, took charge of this Parish, in connection with St. Thomas' Church, Glassborough; the Rev. Messrs. Durborow, Allen and Evans, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and the Rev. Elvin K. Smith, and Boggs, of this Diocese, have kindly officiated for us. One adult baptized by the Rev. Samuel Durborow; two funerals: burial services performed by the Rev. Samuel C. Stratton.

Our new Church is progressing slowly, for the want of funds. Our Parish is increasing under the laborious exertions of our present Rector elect. A very handsome set of Communion plate has been presented to this Parish, by a few Ladies of Philadelphia, through the exertions of Mrs. Horner, and Miss Norris. May the Lord reward them for their kindness; may the great Head of the Church grant His blessing to this Parish is the fervent prayer of your obedient servant in the Lord.

WM. S. MALLET, Church Warden.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, MULLICA HILL, AND ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, GLASSBOROUGH:

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:—The undersigned, received from St. Stephen's Church, Mullica Hill, and St. Thomas' Church, Glassborough, February 21st, a united and unanimous call to the Rectorship of said Parishes. This call was accepted, after due deliberation and application to you for approval. These two Parishes had been destitute of the regular ministrations

of God's word and Holy Sacraments, ever since the Rev. Mr. Mackie left them; except as they were temporarily supplied, by the Rev. T. G. Allen, and other Clergymen from the City of Philadelphia. No parochial duties were performed; and the Parishes were much wasted, when the present occupant took charge. At Mullica Hill, the congregation had dwindled down to fifteen or twenty persons. The wasted and perishing condition of this ancient Parish, was among the strong motives, that induced your humble servant to take this field. There were a few devoted Church people here. Among them, William S. Mallet, their Junior Warden, deserves all praise for his devoted and untiring exertions, in keeping alive the little remaining interest for the Church; and in raising just expectations of future permanent ministrations, by the erection of a new and beautiful stone Church. This Church is nearly ready for consecration. Mr. Mallet, with others at Mullica Hill, have done what they could at home. Mr. Mallet, at great sacrifice of time and exertion, has procured a considerable amount of means, by individual and personal application abroad. Five or six hundred dollars more will complete the Church, and clear it of debt. Mr. Mallet, I believe, has the sympathy of all Christian hearts, acquainted with his object for its final accomplishment. This congregation has greatly increased in numbers during my short residence, and imperfect ministrations in it. Seven new communicants have been received. During the year—baptisms, adult, 5; communicants added, 8; removed, 4; died, 3; present number, 21; burials, 6.—Church Offerings:—Journals, \$2.00; disabled Clergymen, \$2.00; contingent expenses, \$11.70. Sunday School teachers, 4; scholars, 30.

I have preached in this Parish generally twice every Lord's day, and frequently Lecture during the week. Every two weeks I lecture in a School-house, about two miles from Mullica Hill, to large and attentive congregations.

In St. Thomas' Church, Glassborough, I officiate every Sunday afternoon, to full and devout congregations. In this Parish there is good promise of future harvest for the Church of God. The Holy Communion has been administered twice. Baptisms, one infant, by the Bishop; communicants, ; burials, .

In addition to my regular parochial duties, I have officiated at Batsto once; Lower Bank once: in each place to large and attentive congregations. I have officiated at Williamstown once; at Woodbury twice; and at Carpenter's Landing once. A faithful and devoted minister of the Church was greatly needed in this part of the Diocese. I am happy, in being able to say, that in the abundant labors of this new field, I find strong hopes of eventual success, and enlarged usefulness. The people are kind, affectionate, and daily manifest renewed interest, and confidence in the

permanent establishment of our truly Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Your's most affectionately,

ERASTUS DE WOLF, (of the Diocese of Illinois,)

Rector elect of St. Stephen's Church, Mullica Hill, and St. Thomas' Church, Glassborough.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MORRISTOWN:

THE REV. CHARLES W. RANKIN, RECTOR.

Baptisms, (adults, 10, children, 42), 52; confirmations, (1 from St. John's Church, Dover), 23; communicants, (died 7, removed 12, transferred to the Church of the Redeemer 16, added 33), present number, 114; marriages, 3; burials, 15. Offerings for Domestic Missions, \$12.86; Foreign Missions, \$9.29; Parochial Missions, \$96.97; St. Mark's Church, Baskingridge, \$379.47.—Total, for the parish, \$498.59.

The usual services, as heretofore reported, are continued. The leading incident in the history of the Parish, during the past year, is the formation of another congregation, under the name of "The Church of the Redeemer." The secession has not in any way weakened the Parish; more having been added, both to the congregation and the Communion than have seceded. The congregation was never so large, or the necessity for increased Church accommodation so urgent, as at present.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, JERSEY CITY:

THE REV. J. J. BOWDEN, RECTOR.

Baptized, (infants 35, adults 4), total, 39; confirmed, 8; marriages, 7; funerals 32; communicants, 166; collections—for Parochial purposes, \$623.77; Sunday School Union, \$51.12; for St. John's Church, Hoboken, \$49.34; Ladies' Sewing Circle, to the Mission in Brownsville, Texas, \$50.00; to the Mission in Bath, Maine, \$20.00; Church extension in this Diocese, \$95.00.—Total, for Missions, \$245.46.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PATERSON:

THE REV. JOHN ELLIOT THOMPSON, RECTOR.

Number of families and pewholders, 90, communicants, (added 14, removed 10), whole number, 120; baptisms, infants 55, adult 1; persons confirmed, 14; marriages, 16; funerals, 30; number of Sunday School teachers 15, of scholars, 120.

The past year has been with us, one of prosperity. The attendants of the Church are steadily increasing; and almost all the pews are rented. In addition to nearly \$200, set apart towards defraying the debt of the Church, \$500 have been raised for the purchase of an organ. If God help us, we shall no doubt do well.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, ORANGE:**THE REV. JAMES A. WILLIAMS, RECTOR.**

Families and pewholders, 103; baptisms, (adult 1, infants 16), total, 17; confirmed, 8; communicants, (died 1, removed 7, added 27), present number, 178; marriages, 6; funerals, 6.

Since the date of the last report, the basement of the Church has been finished and furnished for a Sunday School room, at an expense of \$250. A Sunday School has been re-organized, under the personal charge of the Rector, assisted by 13 teachers. The number of scholars in attendance is 90. The children of the parish are also catechized, on the afternoon of the monthly Communion Sunday.

Weekly Offerings continue to be taken in this congregation. The whole amount for the past year, is \$612.58. Of this sum, \$371.58 have been contributed for parochial charities; \$54.00 for General Board of Missions; and \$187.00 for other special objects and charities beyond the Parish.

The congregation continues to increase in numbers, and the additional sittings, provided in the recent enlargement of the Church, are nearly all occupied.

The Rev. J. D. Berry has recently moved into this Parish, and opened St. Anna's Hall, as a Boarding School for young ladies.

St. Mark's Hall, a Boarding School for boys, under the charge of Rev. Mr. Stocking, is still continued, and meets with well-merited patronage.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CAMDEN:**THE REV. JOSEPH M. LYBRAND, RECTOR.**

Baptisms, (infants 11, adults 5), 16; confirmed, 14; communicants, (died 2, removed 14, added 40), 149; marriages, 9; funerals, 14. Offerings:—Diocesan, \$28.75; General, \$46.50; Episcopal Fund, \$20.00.

TRINITY CHURCH, PRINCETON:**THE REV. JOSHUA PETERKIN, RECTOR ELECT.**

Baptisms, infants, 7; confirmed, 1; communicants, (died 2, removed 4, added 9), present number 66; funerals, 8; Sunday School scholars 60; teachers, 12. Contributions:—Domestic Missions, \$87.40; other purposes, Parochial, &c., about \$400.00.

CHRIST CHURCH, BELLVILLE:**THE REV. HENRY BEERS SHERMAN, RECTOR.**

Families, 73; baptisms, infants, 26; confirmed, 1; communicants, (died and removed 10, added 8,) 63; marriages, 3; burials, 13; catechumens, 64; Missionary and charitable contributions to other than Parochial objects, \$674.20.

The above report is to the 16th of May, when the Rector embarked for Europe. During his absence, the Rev. Goodon Winslow, D.D., of the Diocese of New York, will assume his Parochial charge.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, RAHWAY :

THE REV. E. W. FEET, RECTOR.

The baptisms in this parish have been 18. (17 infants and 1 adult); marriages, 10; communicants lost by removal and death, 10. The accessions have been about the same in number. The burials were 21; of this unusually large number, five were of persons upwards of 84 years of age, and two of persons upwards of 70, and ten were of infants, and three of persons who died elsewhere, and were brought here for interment. We have lost in the last year 12 families by removals; in two, of which, were 3 of our valuable communicants. But, though the congregation has been thus weakened, there is still a demand for pews, and the interests of the Church most clearly demand that St. Paul's should be enlarged, or that a new Church should at once be erected in upper Rahway, which is steadily increasing in population, and where we have now some valuable families. May God arouse some "liberal heart to devise liberal things."

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, HOBOKEN :

THE REV. V. BRUCE, RECTOR ELECT.

Families and individual pewholders, 50; baptisms, (infants 28, adults 2), 30; children attending Sunday School, 50; superintendent and teachers of Sunday School, 8; confirmed, 19; communicants, 58; marriages, 5; funerals, 22; Church Offerings—for the poor, \$50.00; for the Bible and Prayer Book Societies, \$26.55; for the Sunday School, \$75.00; for the enlargement of Sunday School Room, \$175.00; for the payment of the Parish debts, \$1037.00.—Total, \$1363.55.

Holy Communion on the Festivals of Christmas, Easter, Whitsunday, and on the first Sunday of every month. Catechising "openly in the Church" once a month, and sermons to the children of the Parish on the afternoons of the High Festivals.

The above is the report of the Parish from October 30th, 1851, to May 25th, 1853.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, BEVERLY :

THE REV. SAMUEL COWELL, OFFICIATING.

In the earlier portion of the past year, the Rev. M. R. Talbot officiated in this Parish. In the latter portion, dating from November 1, the Rev. Samuel Cowell has officiated. The Parish records present, under the ministry of the former, the following statistics:—

Baptisms, 4 infants; burials, 1; collections, \$4.99. Under the latter, bap-

tisms, 1 infant; burials, 1; collections, \$40.29; total for the year—baptisms, 5 infants; burials, 2; collections, \$45.28. The communicants at present in regular connection with the Church are 60; the families of the congregation, 42. A new Church will probably be erected soon, which will add greatly to the interests of the Church.

GRACE CHURCH, NEWARK:

THE REV. JOHN L. WATSON, D.D., RECTOR.

Baptisms, 36; confirmations, 6; communicants, (died and removed 13, added 12), present number, 124; marriages, 8; funerals, 10; Offerings of the Church—for Diocesan Missions, Episcopal Fund, charitable and other purposes, \$348.50; contributions for parochial purposes, about \$650.00.

Morning and evening prayers have continued to be offered, as aforetime, every day, during the past year, without interruption on a single occasion. The Holy Communion has been administered every Lord's Day, and on some of the greater Festivals of the Church.

The Parish School, for Boys, under the charge of Mr. Robert Gray, subject of course to the supervision of the Rector, has increased in numbers, and continues to prosper. The pupils attend the daily service, and sing the canticles and chants of the Church, in a manner that affords much gratification to the daily worshippers. They are catechized in Church three or four times a week. A preparatory school for small children has been begun, during the past year, under the care of a Graduate of St. Mary's Hall.

It has given me sincere pleasure to welcome to this field of labor, my much esteemed friend and brother in the ministry, the Rev. Mr. Mackie, who has recently undertaken a new enterprise in this city, with the prospect of soon raising up a strong and vigorous Parish. May God's blessing rest upon his labors!

TRINITY CHURCH, MOORESTOWN:

As there will probably be no one to give any report from Trinity Church, Moorestown, for the conventional year 1852-3, I send you the following:

Number of communicants, 60; number of families and parts of families, 67; baptisms, (infant 6, adult 3), 9; confirmed, 3; burials, 10; Contributions—for Missions, \$17.00; for Bishop White Prayer Book Society, \$6.25; Sunday School Library, \$8.00; expenses of Convention, \$12.00.

Yours truly, &c.

SAMUEL RANDALL.

GRACE CHURCH, HADDONFIELD:

THE REV. JOSIAH M. BARTLETT, MINISTER.

Families 15; baptisms, (infant 1, adults 2), total 3; confirmed, 2; communicants, (added 1, removed 2,) present number, 14; Sunday School

teachers, 6; scholars, 40; Offerings—Parochial, \$6.58; Domestic missions, \$2.32.—Total, \$8.90.

I have officiated, as hitherto, in this Church, every Sunday afternoon. An effort, highly creditable to this little parish, has been commenced, to extinguish a debt on the Church edifice and grounds.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, LAMBERTVILLE:

THE REV. DAVID BROWN, RECTOR.

Right Rev. Sir:—Since my last report, there have been several changes in the Parish of St. Andrew's Church, but little in the condition of the congregation: about the same accessions as losses, by removal, in point of numbers. Two adults have been added by baptism and communion. Two burials. Missionary duties out of the parish, have been pursued to the small extent of my ability; but so fully is the ground pre-occupied by organized sects, that there seems yet little hope of advantage to the Church, save in this place; and even here, it is remote. In God's good time, all will be right. With hard work for my own family, the Sunday School is kept up, and is doing good.

GRACE CHURCH, VAN VORST, JERSEY CITY:

THE REV. DAVID H. MACURDY, RECTOR ELECT.

Baptisms, (infants 42, adults 10), 52; confirmed, 19; communicants, died or removed 8, added 18, present number 122; marriages, 5; funerals, 25; Sunday School catechists, 20; catechumens, 155; books, \$20; Offerings—Parochial, \$351.00; Diocesan, \$33.18; General, \$79.19; other purposes, \$170.21; building Fund, \$5950.00.—Total, \$6583.58.

Our new Church edifice was consecrated on Wednesday in Whitsun-week. The Primary Department of a Parochial School, has been recently established, with good promise of success. The services upon Sundays and other days, have been as in former years.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, NEWARK:

THE REV. JULIUS D. ROSE, MINISTER.

Right Rev., and Dear Sir:—The services in the congregation of which I have the charge, have been suspended, last year, for nearly three months, on account of altering the Church, (old Grace Church), where we held our services. This extensive building has been divided into three parts;—two large school rooms—of which one is occupied by the Parish School, (under the care of Mr. Eubhorn); the other for a gathering (twice a week), of Churchmen, for reading and conversation. The other part is a Chapel, seating from 280 to 300, with a beautiful chancel added, adorned by a fine window above the altar. The remainder is fitted up for a dwelling house,

in a useful manner. The whole has been done through God, by the exertions of a noble member of Grace Church, in connection with many noble hearts of almost all the Parishes in Newark, and the neighboring places. The dwelling has been given up to me, to live in ; and the Chapel and school rooms are to be kept, as I understand, in trust for the German Mission. The Chapel has been re-opened, on the 18th, Sunday after Trinity, with appropriate ceremonies, by the Bishop of the Diocese.

There have been added many families since the re-opening of the Church, and the services are more and more steadily visited. Another very important and encouraging matter I have to report, that of an erection of a chapel for the German population on the hill, on the property of Jabez Hayes, Esq., at the expense of the same. Services have been held there, regularly, every Sunday afternoon, since November of last year ; at the same time we are trying to raise a day school. Most of the visitors of this place are Romanists.

Services in St. Matthew's Church are held twice every Sunday, and on all chief Festivals. During the interruption of the services in Newark, last year, I officiated every other Sunday in Rahway, amongst my countrymen, at the request of the Rev. Mr. Peet, and the German people in that place ; on which occasions, that gentleman and his Vestry gave up very kindly their Church. With gratitude, I acknowledge Mr. Peet's, and his family's kindness, during my stay there. At the request of the Rector, I have officiated several times at Grace Church. My official acts have been—baptisms, 46 infants ; confirmed, 4 ; marriages, 16 ; funerals, 22 ; communicants, added 14 ; removed, 1 ; left otherwise, 5 ; died 2 ; total, 227.—Offerings for the Church expenses, about \$200.00.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEWARK :

THE REV. ROBERT T. S. LOWELL, RECTOR.

Right Rev. Father:—Our ordinary congregation, at this moment, has scarcely room on Sundays ; and many of our neighbors show unaccustomed interest in the Church. We are just, for the first time, getting that ordinary and familiar convenience of cities ; side-walks upon the streets about our Church yard. When they are finished, the number of attendants on our services, will very likely be still more increased. We suffered from the depression in business, and feel still the disadvantages of a new, and not yet altogether settled population ; but so much has our number grown in strength, that we shall, if the Lord still bless us, very soon need to have our church building enlarged.

My statistics are as follows :—Baptisms (adults 2, infants 36), total, 38 ; marriages, 4 ; burials, 18 ; confirmed, 7 ; communicants, died 1 ; removed 13 ; added 25, present number, 59.

We have bought and paid for a small organ, and are hoping, with help,

which we are encouraged to expect, to build a stone school-house. On March 2d I was instituted Rector, which some misunderstanding prevented my being, when the consecration of the building took place, three years ago. Acting upon the belief that the Church need not fear to go anywhere where she can have room and free speech, I have held stated services, twice in the month, in a building known as the "Union Christian Church," where several denominations at different times have their worship. It is on the Plank-road to New York, at rather more than a mile's distance from my own Church-building. I do not say much of the results now; but I venture to say, that a more favorable and desirable spot for planting the Church is scarcely to be found. With God's leave, it will be occupied in His good time; as I trust, before long.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, TRENTON:

THE REV. JAMES L. MAXWELL, RECTOR ELECT.

Having entered upon the duties connected with this Parish so recently, (Easter Sunday of the present year,) my report is necessarily of a general character.

The death of the lamented and much beloved Rector, the Rev. F. C. Clements, in December last, filled with grief his kind and affectionate parishioners. The communicants and pewholders were gradually increasing up to the time of his decease, and their number at the present time, I believe, has not diminished. The prospects of the Church look encouragingly, and, in the providence of God, will, without doubt, continue to brighten with the rapidly increasing population of the manufacturing district in which it is situated. Active exertions are about to be made to finish the basement, for the accommodation of the Sunday School, which I trust will advance its prosperity.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, GLOUCESTER CITY:

THE REV. JOSIAH M. BARTLETT, RECTOR.

Families, 5; baptisms, (infants 4, adults 2), 6; marriages, 2; confirmed, 6; communicants, (added 13, died or removed 2), present number, 35; burials, 9; Sunday School teachers, 9; scholars, 50; Offerings—Parochial, \$31.15; Domestic Missions, \$5.94.—Total, \$37.09.

This parish continues steadily to increase. In addition to the offerings reported above, considerable sums have been contributed for other objects connected with the Church, and particularly for the payment of ground secured as a site for the parsonage.

GRACE CHURCH, ELIZABETHPORT :

THE REV. EUGENE AUGUSTUS HOFFMAN, LATE MISSIONARY.

Families, about 50; baptisms, (adults 3, infants 8), 11; confirmed, 11; communicants, (removed 4, added 13), present number, 23; marriages, 1; burials, 5; Offerings—for the Episcopal Fund, \$21.59; Foreign Missions, \$14.03; Domestic Missions, \$1.72; Parochial purposes, \$57.21.—Total, \$107.55.

Notwithstanding the absence of your Missionary, during six months of the past year, the Parish has been prospered, the communicants having nearly doubled, and the number of persons in attendance on the services, being steadily on the increase. Your Missionary desires to acknowledge in this place, the services of the Rev. R. C. Moore, and the Rev. R. B. Croes, who kindly officiated, as they could, in his absence, and also of the Rev. Joshua Smith, who has frequently officiated on Sunday afternoons in order to enable your Missionary to hold services at Millville.

This report ought not to close without mention of the loss which the Parish has sustained in Vincent Bodine, Esq., the senior warden, who in consequence of impaired health has been obliged to seek a more genial climate. His hands and means were always ready at the Church's bidding, for the Church's welfare. His removal is felt by every member of the Parish; and that he may again be restored to them, if the will of God be so, is their constant prayer.

In consequence of your Missionary accepting the charge of Christ Church, Elizabethtown, he has been obliged to relinquish this Parish. That another Shepherd may soon be found for this interesting little flock, is his earnest prayer.

"THE HOUSE OF PRAYER," NEWARK :

THE REV. SAMUEL L. SOUTHARD, RECTOR.

The Parish has been steadily increasing, both in numbers, and in the ability not only to support itself, but to assist others. The number of communicants also is greatly increased; in many cases by the bringing in of those "without." In every way, the growth of the last year has exceeded any other. The Rector regrets, that his indisposition has temporarily interrupted the daily prayers, which will be resumed when he is able—while the weekly communion has been constantly observed.

Baptisms, (adults 8, infants 30), 38; *certified*, 1; confirmations, 12; communicants, (removed 8, added 37), whole number over 100; marriages, 8; burials, 6; Church Offerings, \$6.52—besides the current revenue amounting to about \$17.00, and contributions by the parishioners, to various Church objects, amounting to as much more. The Vestry are about reconstructing the spire on a more approved plan, at a cost of near \$2,000. The Sunday School increases.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CAMDEN :

THE REV. ELVIN K. SMITH, MISSIONARY.

Right Reverend Father:—Your Missionary to St. John's Church, Camden, respectfully reports as follows:—

Our Sunday services have been regularly continued in the mission-room, morning and evening, with an encouraging increase of the congregation. During Lent, and until the fourth Sunday after Easter, I have had lectures on Wednesday and Friday nights. Arrangements have been made for purchasing "The Floating Church of the Redeemer," and placing it upon a large and well located lot, which the Vestry have bought, and partly paid for. Besides services in the Parish, I have officiated eight times at St. Stephen's, Mullica Hill; celebrating the Lord's Supper twice in the Church, and once in private. I have baptized, in the Parish, *thirty-five* persons, (adults 6, infants and children, 29); attended 10 funerals; and solemnized 2 marriages. Twenty persons have been confirmed; 2 communicants have deceased; 1 has removed; 27 been added. The present number is 50.

The Offertory is used weekly. The following contributions have been made for Missions—exclusive of what the Parish has done for its own Building Fund:—General, \$18.00; Diocesan, \$4.62; Parochial, \$25.53; total, \$48.15.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NEWARK :

THE REV. ANDREW MACKIE, MISSIONARY.

Rt. Rev. Father in God:—As in duty bound I submit the following report. On the first of October, 1852, I resigned the Rectorship of The Church of St. James the Less—Falls of Schuylkill—in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Under your direction, I went immediately to Newark, and begun the work of building St. Paul's Parish. A lot of land, on the corner of Market and High streets, had been purchased at a cost of about \$9,000. Upon this lot was a house, which has been made into a very complete Rectory, at a cost of about \$2,000. A Chapel of stone, after a design by Upjohn, has been erected at a cost of \$9,000. It is in contemplation to build a Church in the course of the year. If the place, now under consideration, is adopted, the Church will cost \$45,000. So far no debt has been contracted. What we have is paid for.

Upon 1st April, St. Paul's Chapel was opened by you, with appropriate services. Since then, an octagonal Font of stone, with cover, has been presented to us. The lower room in the Chapel, will be opened as a School for boys, as soon as a suitable teacher can be procured. When the Church is built, the upper room, in which now we worship, will be used as a School-room for girls. A Communion Service of silver-gilt, is being manufactured, under the direction of the New York Ecclesiological Society.

Since 1st April, I report—Baptisms, 8 children ; communicants, 18 ; marriages, 1 ; burials, 1 ; families, 21 ; single Parishioners, 15 ; Sunday scholars, 54 ; teachers, 15 ; Library Books, 107 ; Offerings for Parish purposes, \$101.73.

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated every Lord's Day and Holy Days. Morning and Evening Prayer will be said daily, as soon as the day-school is opened. Our expectations, so far, have been more than realized.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SOMERVILLE:

THE REV. JOHN ROWLAND, MISSIONARY.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir :—St. John's Church, in Somerville, was consecrated on the 28th of May last, the day after the adjournment of our Annual Convention. From that time to this, Divine service has been regularly held twice on Sunday, also on the Wednesdays and Fridays in Lent, as well as on the great week-day Festivals of the Church. The congregation of St. John's Church, in Somerville, is gradually growing in numbers and spiritual strength. This is owing, doubtless, next after the Divine blessing, to the influence which our beautiful House of Worship, together with its orderly arrangement of service and song, exerts upon the minds and feelings of the people.

The Churchmen of Somerville have not begrudged the Lord a House of worship that should be worthy of His name and honor ; but considering that He has a right to the choicest of their worldly goods, they have erected a sanctuary for His earthly abode, where they can celebrate His praise in the Beauty of Holiness. And this desire, to honor the Lord with their substance, has been instrumental in exciting among the people that interest which is felt by them in the ministrations of the Church. They seem to think it but right, since they have given of their worldly goods to the Master's use, that they should devote themselves also to His worship and service. The seed that has been sown at Somerville, will one day produce, under the Divine blessing, abundance of fruit for the Master's garner.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, HUDSON:

THE REV. WILLIAM R. GRIES, RECTOR ELECT.

Baptisms, (adult 1, infants 11), 12 ; confirmations, 10 ; communicants, (removed 2, added 2), whole number, 50 ; families, 60 ; burials, 6 ; marriages, 5. Two of the baptisms were in the Parish of St. John's, West Hoboken. One of the candidates confirmed was from Bellville.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, MILLVILLE:

THE REV. EUGENE AUGUSTUS HOFFMAN, MISSIONARY.

Baptisms, 4 ; Offerings, (since January), \$36.11. A regular Wednesday Evening service has been maintained in this place, during the past

year, and two Lord's Day services a month, since the first of January.

The Parish was duly organized, and incorporated under the statute, in the month of January. The exclusive use of a room has been obtained for the services, at a small expense. A beautiful lot, centrally situated, has been given by Israel D. Condit, Esq., and over \$2000 already subscribed towards the erection of a Church to hold 300 people. The plans are in preparation; and it is expected that the corner stone may be laid in the course of a month. The interest in the services, on the part of the worshippers, appears to be steadily increasing; and your Missionary's expectation, as expressed in his last annual report, that if a service could be held on "each Lord's Day, a congregation of 150 persons would be constantly in attendance," has been fully realized. And when he considers that this is in a place, where scarce eighteen months since, the services of the Church had never been heard, the Psalmist's exclamation rises to his lips, "the Lord hath done great things for us already; whereof we rejoice."

The Missionary's acknowledgments are due to the Rev. James A. Williams, the Rev. Robert Travis, Jr., and the Rev. Thomas Cook, for sustaining the services during his temporary absence.

CHRIST CHURCH, ELIZABETHTOWN:

THE REV. EUGENE AUGUSTUS HOFFMAN, RECTOR ELECT.

Communicants, 30; Sunday School catechists, 14; catechumens, about 50. Offerings of the Church—Parochial, \$55.82.

This Parish was organized in the Sunday School room of St. John's Church, on the evening of Easter day; and duly incorporated on 23d April. The services were commenced by the Rector elect, on the second Sunday after Easter, 10 April, in the Lecture Room of the First Presbyterian congregation; which has been very kindly tendered to our use, until a suitable Chapel can be erected. The Vestry have taken measures to procure a lot, for the purpose of building immediately.

A Sunday School has been organized, and an excellent Library of 227 volumes been presented to it by a lady of New York. The requisite sum for an elegant Font, the gift of a lady of New Brunswick; and nearly \$150 towards the communion plate, with the requisite linen for the altar, the free will offerings of ladies of the Parish, have been placed at the disposal of the Rector elect.

The services have been well attended, and the interest manifested by members of the Parish, especially the young, is exceedingly gratifying.

"CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER," MORRISTOWN:

THE REV. JAMES H. TYNG, RECTOR ELECT.

I commenced my services at the Church of the Redeemer, in this place,

in September, 1852, and have continued them till this time without interruption, and with cheerful anticipations. The congregation of this Church is small, but constant, spirited and united. The proportion of communing members is large, and has been increased by additions on each successive occasion. The baptisms have been 2; funerals 1; marriages none.

The Church edifice, neat and suitable, will be completed in the course of the Summer. In all respects, the prospects of this Parish may be regarded as encouraging.

Missionary and other Reports.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, BASKINGRIDGE.

Right Reverend Father in God:—I have the pleasure of reporting the erection and consecration of our church building, within the past year. The corner stone was laid on the 28th of May, 1852, and the Church was consecrated on the 20th of May, 1853. It is built of wood, and consists of nave, chancel, and a South porch. The altar is of stone, and was presented by a descendant of an honored family, whose name is among New Jersey's jewels. The whole expense of the building is about fourteen hundred dollars, which has been raised in this village, Morristown, Newark, and Orange. The Church is free of debt; and arrangements are now in progress, which will result, I hope, in the settlement of a resident clergyman, to complete the work thus fairly begun. I know of no more inviting field of Missionary labor.

CHARLES W. RANKIN, Missionary.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, DOVER.

Baptisms, 4; confirmations, 1; communicants, (3 removed, 2 added,) 8; communion alms, \$87.93.

Regular services were held in this parish by the missionary, on Sunday afternoon, until October 3d. After this time, the full services of the church

were performed on Sunday, by the Rev. Charles S. Little, of the Diocese of New York, acting as the Curate of the Missionary. This arrangement was continued until the 8th of May, at which time, the Rev. Dr. Berry of Orange, succeeded to the Curacy. There is a flourishing Sunday School connected with the Parish.

CHARLES W. RANKIN, Missionary.

MADISON.

Right Rev. Father in God :—The services in this village were continued regularly until the month of December last. At that time, we were deprived, temporarily, of the building we had occupied; and since, it has been again placed at our disposal, I have preferred waiting, until we could make more satisfactory arrangements, before resuming the regular duties of this station. In particular, it is necessary to give the services of the Church on Sunday; and, with the full duties of my parish on that day, I cannot supply the want. A resident Missionary, or one who could be with them half the day, might speedily gather an interesting congregation.

CHARLES W. RANKIN, Missionary.

PLAINFIELD.

Right Rev. Father :—The Missionary of the Church, laboring in Plainfield, Essex County, would respectfully report as follows :—

I have officiated regularly in Plainfield, during the twelvemonth past, twice on Sunday, with two or three exceptions. I have baptized four children, and administered the Holy Communion six times. The number of communicants is fifteen. I have organised a Church, giving it the name of Grace Church. We are preparing to build a house of worship. Ground has been given, and some money subscribed for building. I trust the Church will flourish and increase in Plainfield.

Your respectful Presbyter,

PHILEMON E. COX, Missionary.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, SOUTH AMBOY.

To the Rt. Rev. the Diocesan, the Missionary respectfully reports : that he has officiated at South Amboy, generally, on the afternoon of each Sunday, through the year, in a "chapel," common to the various Protestant "denominations." The Methodists are prevalent in numbers, and hold their meetings, morning and evening; to which the Protestant portion of the population, usually resort. The Presbyterians and Anabaptists have also occasional meetings. These all occupy the same building that we do, and the congregation is, in the main, the same; whoever may officiate. The Romanists, who are numerous, have a Church edifice of their own, and keep by themselves. The few who prefer the services of the Church,

have recently formed a parochial organization, by the name of "St. Stephen's Church, South Amboy," and will probably apply for admission to the Convention of the Diocese, at the present session. The services of the Church being less *amusing* than some others, do not "attract" so many attendants, but those who frequent them are, generally, of the better sort. As, however, the "other denominations," by their Sabbath and Day Schools, and other "appliances and means" which they zealously employ, have the entire control of the instruction of the children, and the guidance of the prejudiced and uninformed; any impression upon the common mind in favor of the Church, without a resident clergyman, must be comparatively slight, and easily offered. Vigorous and unintermitting effort is necessary to introduce fairly, or sustain effectively, the Church, in the face of active proselyting and popular sects. "Line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little," iterated and reiterated, are necessary to inform ignorance, correct error, remove prejudice, and establish truth. How can this be done, unless the Missionary be sustained in his work? Until our missions shall be better supported, the sectarian bodies must have it, mainly their own way; and the Church must be content to glean in the rear of those who pre-occupy the field, and reap the harvest; who make better provision for progress; and who have the advantage of being able to adapt their systems and ministrations to the demands of an uncultivated popular taste. In the present incipient state of the parish, no definite statistics can well be given.

Respectfully reported,

JOSEPH F. PHILLIPS, Missionary.

THE REV. MR. FROST'S REPORT.

Rt. Reverend G. W. Doane, D.D., LL.D.:—In obedience to the Canons of the Church, I, reverently, report, as follows:

In the course of the past ecclesiastical year, I continued, as heretofore, to perform my duty of the Church's Daily Prayers, at St. Mary's Church, and at Burlington College; assisting also the Rector, at the Holy Communion; and attending the Theological Exercises and several Examinations of the Candidates for Holy Orders.

On Trinity Sunday, June 6, A. D., 1852, I officiated at Salem. On vii S. after Trinity, July 25, St. James' Day, I officiated at Camden. On viii S. after Trinity, October 10, I took part in the Consecration Service of St. Mathew's Church, Newark. I buried 2 children, and 2 adults; baptized 3 persons; and I celebrated the Holy Communion in St. Mary's Church, Burlington, in the absence of the Rector, the Right Reverend, the Bishop.

ADOLPH FROST, Presbyter.

THE REV. S. W. HALLOWELL'S REPORT.

Dear Bishop—Since I have relinquished the charge of St. Stephen's Church, Beverly, and Trinity Church Fairview, I have been officiating at Grace Church, Pemberton. The attendance is usually good. Number of communicants, 7.

S. W. HALLOWELL, Missionary.

ANDOVER.

Rt. Rev. Father:—Since you appointed me to officiate as Missionary to Andover, I have held as many services there as I could consistently with the other clerical duty devolved upon me. Notwithstanding some interruptions, from a difficulty of obtaining a place of worship, public services have been sustained in Andover, or the immediate vicinity, as frequently as once in two weeks. The children have been catechized; one adult has received baptism, and the people generally have evinced a favorable disposition towards the Church.

Your servant in Christ,

N. PETTIT, Missionary.

TRINITY PARISH, NEWARK.

Rt. Rev. Father:—The absence of the Rector of Trinity Parish, the desire of the other Clergy of the city to be present at the convention, and the necessity of some one to attend to the calls of duty here, seem to supply a sufficient excuse for my absence at this Convention.

I can offer but little in the way of report. I have, during the last year, been engaged in my usual missionary labors, of visiting and relieving the poor, and rendering such assistance to my brethren, the clergy here and elsewhere, as occasion required. As minister elect of St. Phillip's Church, of this city, I can only say that we are yet without a church building, to our regret and disappointment; for we had hoped that a church would have been raised, or some progress would have been made in building one, before this. As it is, we have some six hundred dollars pledged, and hope to begin to build soon. The congregation at present, attend services at the several Parish Churches, as they have heretofore been accustomed.

I am sensible that the above is a scanty report; but I have written because something of the kind is requisite, and because I wished to exhibit some token of filial respect towards my Right Reverend Father.

Wishing you grace, mercy and peace, I remain yours sincerely,

JOSHUA SMITH.

THE REV. JAMES ADAMS' REPORT.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:—In compliance with the Canon, I have to report, that at the request of some friends of the Church, I commenced ser-

vices in the upper room of a building used for manufacturing purposes, in Roseville, (Newark), about the first of last November, and continued them regularly every Sunday morning, except one, when I was absent, until near the time of the meeting of the Annual Convention. The attendance on the services by those in the vicinity, was very encouraging, showing the importance of establishing a Church in that locality. I regret to say, however, that circumstances not within my own control, have made it necessary for me to resign the situation. I entertain a hope that the services will be continued, a congregation gathered, and a Church built, as there is every reason to suppose that this portion of the city will increase rapidly in population, and in consequence stand much in need of Church accommodation. In addition to the services at Roseville, I have officiated and preached at different times, at St. Mark's Church, Orange, and at several other Churches in the Diocese.

Respectfully and truly yours,

JAMES ADAMS.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WEST HOBOKEN.

Right Reverend Sir:—After a discontinuance of several months, divine service was again resumed in this Parish, on the afternoon of Sunday 9th May, 1852, the Rev. Ralph Hoyt officiating. Services were maintained thereafter for a few Sundays, morning and afternoon alternately. Mr. Hoyt continuing to officiate in the afternoons, while the alternate morning services were supplied by several of the New York clergy. Of these the Vestry would record their obligations particularly to the Rev. Dr. Walton and Rev. John Morgan.

It having been deemed advisable to abandon the afternoon services, and to continue the morning services, so as to avoid the irregularity of alternation: and the pecuniary inability of the congregation forbidding an offer to the Rev. Mr. Hoyt, which could relieve him of his Charge in the city of New York, and furnish him with the means of subsistence: Edgar Logan, Esq., a former lay-member, and a member of the Vestry, was again requested to act in that capacity—a duty which he at once cheerfully consented to perform. In the meantime, however, an accidental introduction to a candidate for orders in this Diocese, and the immediate and cordial offer of his services, induced a change of the arrangement in favor of one, whose ecclesiastical connection was supposed to be more in consonance with the usages and spirit of the Church. Shortly afterwards, a continuation of these services was requested by the Vestry, on the retirement of Rev. Mr. Hoyt from the field.

The Vestry here desired the undersigned to record their deep sense of the self-denial, zeal, devotion and sincerity, which characterized the labors of Mr. Charles F. Hoffman, during a period of rather more than one year in this Parish. During that time, the debt remaining on the Church edifice

from the time of its consecration, in October, 1849, has been nearly paid off by a special subscription, of which the sum of \$47, was contributed by the liberal Rector and congregation of St. Matthew's Church, Jersey City.

The weekly offerings up to 1st May last, have amounted to \$67. Special sums have also been raised for the complete repair of the windows, and for the purchase of an ample and handsome stove. Six children have been baptized; confirmed, 5. The Holy communion has been administered five times.

Had the funds of the Missionary Society of the Diocese been sufficiently increased by the contributions of the Laity, so as to have allowed of an appropriation to this Parish at the commencement of its career, it is certain that its condition would at the present time, have presented a far different aspect. The laity of the Parish of St. John's, West Hoboken, have done their part and their duty in endeavoring to build up the Church of God! They have made sacrifices, not for the sake of name or notoriety, but simply because they had been taught the necessity of continuing in Christian Godliness and fellowship, in "the breaking of bread, and in prayer." As their fathers had brought *them* up, so did they desire to bring up their own offspring. But with scarcely enough to provide the general necessities of life for these, or to shield them from the inroads of sickness and insidious disease, they nevertheless, were still encouraged to go on, "right onward" where, as it appeared to them duty pointed.

JAMES DE LANCEY WALTON,
Senior Warden of St. John's Church, West Hoboken.

PORT COLDEN.

My Dear Bishop:—The usual Sunday services, and the daily services, through the week, are still continued at St. Matthew's Chapel, in accordance with the plan announced in my last report. Two communicants have been added, and two removed, leaving the present number, three. I have attended one funeral, and baptized two infants.

P. L. JACQUES, Missionary.

FORT SCOTT, MISSOURI.

Baptisms, (adult 1, infants 3), 4; funerals, 6; marriages, 2.

DAVID CLARKSON, Chaplain.

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St. Mary's,	Burlington,	Rt. Rev. George W. Doane ^d
St. Peter's,	Perth Amboy,	Rev. William C. Doane, ¹
Christ,	Shrewsbury,	Rev. Horace L. Edgar Pro
Christ,	Middletown,	Rev. Harry Finch, ^{1.}
Trinity,	Red Bank,	Rev. Eli Wheeler, ^h
St. John's,	Elizabethtown,	Rev. Richard C. Moore, ⁿ
Trinity,	Newark,	Rev. Matthew H. Henders ^e
Christ,	New Brunswick,	Rev. Alfred Stubbs, ^e
Christ,	Newton,	Rev. Clarkson Dunn, ^{1.}
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The actual Vote of the Convention of New Jersey.

The undersigned has had frequent occasion to acknowledge the interest of the Rev. Editor of the Episcopal Recorder, in the statistics of his Diocese; and as frequent, to regret, that his opportunities of information had not corresponded with his zeal. It is but charity, to put them in communication; and to supply, to his statistics, the saving grace of accuracy. Hence, the present communication. Its delay is chiefly owing to one of those remainders of rough service, which followed him, even, here among the Breakers: where, for the first time, in an Episcopate of one and twenty years, he has pursued, for a month, the "*dolce far niente*." But the "goodness and mercy," which have followed him "all the days of" his "life," have been too much for it; and he is up to his work again.

The occasion for this present communication is the following sentence, in an editorial of the Episcopal Recorder, for June 4. It followed a statement of the vote of the Annual Convention of the Diocese, on the 25th May, in relation to what is commonly called "the third Presentment." "It can hardly escape the notice of any, that only *twenty-five* clerical votes sustained the resolutions, out of a list of *sixty-seven*, in the Diocese; and *twenty-eight* parishes, out of *sixty*." The two things to be made plain, in this connection, are the real clerical voters, and the actual parishes; or, more properly, the actual representations of the Diocese. By the *real clerical voters*, are meant the Clergy, entitled by the Constitution, to a vote, in the Convention. The wisdom or justice of the Constitutional provision is not the subject of discussion now. It must be taken, as it is. It is, as the undersigned found it. By the *actual parishes of the Diocese*, are meant such congregations, as deem themselves, in a condition to exercise their representative privileges, under the Constitution; and have, statedly, or frequently, done so, during the present Episcopate.

The Clergy List, presented by the Bishop to the Secretary, at the opening of the Convention, in accordance with the Diocesan provision, contained sixty seven names. Forty two of them are REAL CLERICAL VOTERS. *Thirty one* of these were present at the vote. The Bishop and one other declined voting. Two voted in the negative. The rest, *twenty seven*, sustained the Report and Resolutions. Of the eleven absentees, the following is the *catalogue raisonnée*.

CHAPMAN—The oldest Presbyter in the Diocese; often absent; not present at the last Annual Convention.

HENDERSON—In Europe.

STARR—No reason known.

JAQUES—Excused himself, afterwards, by letter, to the Bishop. Intended to be present, but was unexpectedly prevented.

I. SMITH—Was present during Convention. In very feeble health; absent from the vote, by reason of sudden indisposition.

THOMPSON—No reason known.

PEET—Excused himself, afterwards, by letter, to the Bishop. Intended to be present, but was prevented.

BOGGS—Excused his absence, on account of sickness in his family.

BOWDEN—Was present, at the Convention, but absent at the time of the vote.

WHEELER—No reason known.

COE—No reason known.

To take up, now, the second point, *THE ACTUAL PARISHES*, in the Diocese. The Editor of the Episcopal Recorder sets down sixty, as the true number of the parishes. The real question is about *representations*. There may be a place, where a parish, once, was; and is not now. Or, there may be a place, where there is almost a parish. Or, there may be a recently established Missionary station. Or, there may be less than any of these. And all of them a careful Bishop may have collected in his inventory; as the undersigned has always done. The inventory of the Diocese of New Jersey is the Tabular Abstract of the Parochial Reports. It has always been prepared under his own immediate eye. The Tabular Abstract, for 1852, is the last prepared. It contains *seventy three* names of places. Yet its *actual representations* are *only forty eight*. The following *catalogue raisonné* will show the *status* of the remaining twenty five.

Middletown and Red Bank are included in one representation, with *Shrewsbury*. *Johnsonsburgh* was never alive, within the present Episcopate.

Woodbridge, has not been represented for a great many years.

Piscatawa, the same.

Colestown, the same, with one exception. It is many years since there has been any service there, except the Bishop's, at his Visitations.

Penn's Neck, has not been represented for a great many years. This, however, is alive.

Flemington, was never represented. No service there.

Fairview, was never represented. The service there is supplied from Burlington College.

St. Philip's, Newark, was never represented, but once. It was for awhile suspended. Is now revived.

West Hoboken, was never represented.

Moravia, never had a congregation. It is an old Moravian Meeting house, repaired and consecrated.

West Bloomfield, never had an actual life.

Hudson, organized, but not yet entitled to vote.

Baskenridge, and *Millville*, the same.

Westfield, Plainfield, Scotch Plains, South Amboy, Madison, Port Colden, Pemberton and Andover*, not yet organized.

Of the *forty eight* actual representations, *thirty nine* were represented, during the Convention, and *thirty five* participated in the vote; of which, one was divided; one declined voting; five voted in the negative, and *twenty eight* sus-

* When this was written, the Rev. Mr. Coe's Parochial Report, announcing that a Church was organized, at Plainfield, had not been received.

tained the Report and Resolutions. Of the four representations, present during the Convention, that did not participate in the vote, St. John's, Chew's Landing, and Grace, Haddonfield, returned the next morning, to record their vote, with the majority; but the Convention had adjourned. Had these been in, in time, the following would have been the absent representations:

Trinity, Princeton;
St. Michael's, Trenton;
 **St. James'*, Knowlton;
 **St. Luke's*, Hope;
St. Paul's, Hoboken;
St. Matthew's, Newark;
 **Zion*, Belvidere;
 **Trinity*, Middletown Point;
Grace, Elizabethport;
St. Stephen's, Beverly;
St. Stephen's, Mullica Hill.

It follows, that, of *thirty one* real clerical voters, present, TWENTY SEVEN; and of *thirty five* actual representations, present, THIRTY, sustained the Report and Resolutions.

G. W. DOANE, Bishop of New Jersey.

The Breakers, 28 June, 1853.

* These parishes have been long vacant.

PRAYER, DURING THE ERECTION OF A CHURCH.

The following Prayer is used in St. Mary's Church, Burlington; and is permitted to be used in any of the Congregations of the Diocese, under similar circumstances.

G. W. DOANE, Bishop of New Jersey.

Riverside, 4 July, 1853.

A PRAYER ;

To be used, in any congregation in the Diocese, during the erection of a Church.

O, Almighty God, who hast given unto us, Thy servants, grace, to erect an house, for the honour of Thy name, and for the comfort and salvation of the souls, for which, Thy only Son did shed His precious blood, accept the offering, which, in all humility, we bring to Thee, of that, which is Thine own; and bless Thy servants, and their service. "Prosper, Thou, the work of our hands upon us," O God; "O, prosper Thou our handy-work." Direct their counsels, to whom the work is especially intrusted, that it may be ordered, to Thy greatest glory, and to the greatest good of Thy believing people. Have, in Thy holy keeping, the building, and whatsoever appertains to it; that our sacred purpose may be brought, the soonest, to the best result. Direct and bless the skill and industry of the Architect, the master-builders, and the workmen. May they be safe from every accident, and secure from every danger. And may all, who are, in any way connected with this temple, made with hands, be built up, through the operation of Thy Holy Spirit, as living stones, acceptable to Thee, through Him, who is the tried and precious corner-stone, Thy Son, our only Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

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CANON II.

OF THE TESTIMONIALS TO BE GIVEN TO LAY DEPUTIES.

Lay Deputies to the Convention shall present written certificates of their election, in the following, or some similar form :

[*Name of the Church, the place and date.*]

This certifies that at a meeting of the congregation of this Church, for the purpose of electing Church Officers, and Deputies to the Convention, (or, *for the purpose of electing Deputies to the Convention*, if the meeting be for that purpose alone,) A. B., C. D., and E. F., were duly chosen to represent the congregation in that body for the year ensuing. In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand, (or if two of the Wardens subscribe, *we have set our hands*,) the day and year above written.

Which certificate shall be signed by the Rector, the Secretary of the Vestry, or by two Wardens ; and the above form shall be annually inserted in the printed Journal of the Convention.

DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY:

LIST OF CLERGY;

MAY 31, 1854.

[Those marked * were present.]

THE Right Reverend ***GEORGE WASHINGTON DOANE, D.D., LL.D.**, Bishop of the Diocese; President of Burlington College; Rector of St. Mary's Hall; and of St. Mary's Church, Burlington.

The Rev. **JAMES CHAPMAN**, Missionary, officiating in Trinity Church, Woodbridge.

The Rev. **GEORGE Y. MOREHOUSE**, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly.

The Rev. ***CLARKSON DUNN**, Rector of Christ Church, Newton.

The Rev. ***HARRY FINCH**, Rector of Christ Church, Shrewsbury; with Christ Chapel, Middletown; and Trinity Chapel, Red Bank.

The Rev. **NORMAN NASH**.

The Rev. **MATTHEW H. HENDERSON**, Rector of Trinity Church, Newark.

The Rev. ***RICHARD CHANNING MOORE**, Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabethtown.

The Rev. **SAMUEL STARR**, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Trenton.

The Rev. ***JAMES A. WILLIAMS**, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Orange.

The Rev. ***REUBEN J. GERMAIN**, Chaplain, Principal and Head of the Family of St. Mary's Hall, Burlington.

The Rev. **PETER L. JAQUES**, Missionary, Rector of St. Matthew's Hall, Port Colder.

The Rev. ***ALFRED STUBBS**, Rector of Christ Church, New Brunswick.

The Rev. **HAMBLE J. LEACOCK**.

The Rev. ***ANDREW BELL PATERSON**, Rector of St. John's Church, Salem; and Missionary to Bridgeton.

The Rev. ***ISAAC SMITH**, Missionary, officiating in St. James' Church, Piscatawa.

The Rev. **SAMUEL W. HALLOWELL**, officiating at Pemberton.

The Rev. ***EDWARD W. PEET**, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Rahway.

The Rev. **CHARLES JAMES STERLING**.

The Rev. ***DAVID CLARKSON**, Chaplain in the Army of the United States, Fort Riley, Nebraska Territory.

The Rev. ***JOSEPH M. LYBRAND**, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Camden.

The Rev. JOHN R. GOODMAN.

The Rev. JAMES H. TYNG, Rector elect of the Church of the Redeemer, Morristown.

The Rev. WILLIAM B. OTIS, Missionary, officiating in St. George's Church, Penn's Neck.

The Rev. *HENRY BEERS SHERMAN, Rector elect of Christ Church, Belleville.

The Rev. *JOHN L. WATSON, D.D., Rector of Burlington College.

The Rev. *J. D. L. M. MOORE.

The Rev. DAVID M. FACKLER.

The Rev. *EDWARD B. BOGGS, Rector of Trinity Church, Swedenborough.

The Rev. ADOLPH FROST, Librarian of Burlington College.

The Rev. *JOSEPH F. PHILLIPS, Missionary, officiating in St. Peters Church, Spottswood; and St. Stephen's Church, South Amboy.

The Rev. *R. T. S. LOWELL, Rector of Christ Church, Newark.

The Rev. ANDREW MACKIE.

The Rev. *HORACE L. EDGAR PRATT, Rector elect of St. Peter's Church, Perth Amboy.

The Rev. JAMES J. BOWDEN, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Jersey City.

The Rev. *JOSIAH M. BARTLETT, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Gloucester City; and officiating in Grace Church, Had-donfield.

The Rev. *SAMUEL L. SOUTHARD, Rector of the House of Prayer, Newark.

The Rev. *JULIUS DAVID ROSE, Missionary, officiating in St. Matthew's (German) Church, Newark.

The Rev. JOHN A. PARSONS.

The Rev. *NATHANIEL PETTIT, Missionary to Andover; Assistant Minister of Christ Church, Newton.

The Rev. D. H. MACURDY, Rector elect of Grace Church, Jersey City.

The Rev S. STEBBINS STOCKING, Rector of St. Mark's Hall, Orange.

The Rev. *SAMUEL C. STRATTON, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Berkeley, at Clarkesborough.

The Rev. *MARCUS F. HYDE, Professor of Ancient Languages in Burlington College.

The Rev. *DAVID BROWN, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Amwell, at Lambertville.

The Rev. ELI WHEELER, Assistant to the Rector of Christ Church, Shrewsbury.

The Rev. *JOHN ROWLAND, Missionary, officiating in St. John's Church, Somerville.

The Rev. *WILLIAM R. GRIES, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Hudson.

The Rev. *PHILEMON E. COE, Missionary, at Plainfield, Westfield, and Scotch Plains.

The Rev. *ELVIN K. SMITH, Missionary, officiating in St. John's Church, Camden.

The Rev. *HANNIBAL GOODWIN, Rector elect of St. Paul's Church, Newark.

The Rev. *VANDERVOORT BRUCE, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Hoboken.

The Rev. *JOSHUA PETERKIN, Rector elect of Trinity Church, Princeton.

The Rev. *JAMES ADAMS.

The Rev. JOSHUA D. BERRY, D.D., Rector elect of Grace Church, and Rector of St. Anne's Hall, Orange.

The Rev. *JOSHUA SMITH, Rector elect of St. Philip's Church, Newark.

The Rev. *EUGENE AUGUSTUS HOFFMAN, Rector elect of Christ Church, Elizabethtown; Missionary, officiating in St. Stephen's Church, Millburn.

The Rev. *N. W. CAMP, D.D., Missionary, Rector of Trinity Church, Hoboken.

The Rev. J. L. MAXWELL, Rector elect of St. Paul's Church, Trenton.

The Rev. *J. H. BLACK, Missionary.

The Rev. *W. H. N. STEWART, Rector of Grace Church, Newark.

The Rev. *R. N. MERRITT, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Morristown.

The Rev. *WILLIAM F. BRYAN, Rector elect of St. Stephen's Church, Mullica Hill.

The Rev. R. M. MITCHESON, residing at Moorestown.

DEACONS.

The Rev. REUBEN H. FREEMAN.

The Rev. GEORGE OGLE.

The Rev. *WILLIAM CROSWELL DOANE, Assistant Minister of St. Mary's Church, Burlington; Adjunct Professor of English Literature in Burlington College.

The Rev. ENOCH REED.

The Rev. *WILLIAM T. JOHNSTON, Missionary, officiating in St. Peter's Church, Freehold.

The Rev. JOSEPH S. MAYERS, Missionary, officiating in St. Thomas' Church, Glassborough.

The Rev. *FRANKLIN BABBITT, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, Elizabethtown.

LAY DEPUTIES.

<i>St. Peter's, Perth Amboy,</i>	{ *J. L. Boggs, James Parker, John R. Watson, *J. D. Forbes.
<i>St. Mary's, Burlington,</i>	{ Thomas Milnor, *R. B. Aertsen, E. B. Grubb, *George Hobart Doane, M. D.
<i>Christ, Shrewsbury,</i>	{ *E. T. Williams, *E. West, *G. West, J. H. C. Schroeder.
<i>Christ, Middletown,</i>	{ J. W. Hetfield, *P. R. Brinkerhoff, Henry Grant.
<i>St. John's, Elizabethtown,</i>	{ A. Morse, G. H. Pegram, *F. W. Foote, F. B. Chetwood, *J. S. Spencer, J. R. Hoole, H. Higgins, J. Benjamin.
<i>Trinity, Newark,</i>	{ Archer Gifford, J. Morrison, J. D. Orten, *C. Parker, *J. P. Pennington, J. M. Quimby, *Samuel Meeker.
<i>St. John's, Salem,</i>	{ Josiah Harrison, *Richard P. Thompson, James W. Mecum, Joseph H. Thompson, M. D., J. Howard Sinnickson.
<i>Christ, New Brunswick,</i>	{ *S. V. Hoffman, Franklin Smith, *J. S. Carpenter, I. R. Cornell, John McIntosh.
<i>Christ, Allentown,</i>	{ *Bennington Gill, *Theodore Stagg.

<i>St. Andrew's, Mount Holly,</i>	{ J. C. Clarke, J. R. Slack, *George Haywood, J. L. N. Stratton, C. M. Harker.
<i>St. Peter's, Spottiswood,</i>	{ *John Appleby, Andrew Snowhill, G. H. Snowhill, John Perrine, W. O. Snowhill, *W. A. Appleby.
<i>St. Peter's, Freehold,</i>	{ *A. R. Throckmorton; *D. B. Ryall.
<i>St. James', Knowlton,</i>	{ *Henry Hartung, *L. H. Albertson.
<i>St. Peter's, Berkeley,</i>	{ C. Hopkins, *C. Reeves, W. Rambo, *Abraham Whitehead, *Joseph L. Reeves.
<i>Trinity, Swedesborough,</i>	{ C. C. Stratton, *J. S. Thompson, George Battin, Joseph Flick.
<i>St. Thomas', Glassborough,</i>	{ *T. H. Whitney, *Jacob Andrews, S. A. Whitney, W. Warrick.
<i>St. Stephen's, Mullica Hill,</i>	{ Thomas G. Battin, *William S. Mallet.
<i>St. Matthew's, Jersey City,</i>	{ *D. B. Wakeman, J. Rogers, *Robert Dumont, J. C. Brantigan, J. R. Lawrence, H. Salisbury.
<i>St. Paul's, Paterson,</i>	{ *E. B. D. Ogden, *B. W. Vandervoort, Andrew Mead, D. G. Scott, *Aaron Ogden, J. Drew.
<i>St. Mark's, Orange,</i>	{ *D. Babbit, C. Williams, J. L. Blake, Jr.

<i>St. Peter's, Morristown,</i>	{ J. W. Miller, *Joseph Lovell; W. H. Howland; W. Whitney.
<i>St. Luke's, Hope,</i>	{ J. C. Fitch, T. Cummings, Gabriel Wolverton; *Alfred Moxsell.
<i>St. Paul's, Camden;</i>	{ R. W. Howell, O. H. Taylor, M. D., Abraham Browning, *Thomas P. Carpenter.
<i>Trinity, Princeton,</i>	{ James Potter, *C. S. Olden, J. P. Stockton, J. R. Thompson, T. A. Conover.
<i>Christ, Belleville,</i>	{ Joseph Kingsland, George Kingsland, Arent H. Schuyler. *T. W. Satterthwaite, J. Rutherford.
<i>St. Paul's, Rahway,</i>	{ E. Y. Rogers, *N. Thorp, *J. M. Tufts, A. Vaningen, *Ezra Ayres.
<i>St. Paul's Hoboken,</i>	{ E. A. Stevens, Denning Duer, *Rodman M. Price, Edmund Charles, Edgar Brodhead, *F. B. Ogden, E. W. Tryon, A. R. MacMiller, J. I. Missure.
<i>Zion, Belvidere,</i>	{ W. P. Robeson, E. R. Crane, M. D.
<i>Grace, Newark,</i>	{ *J. W. Condit, *C. M. King, *J. C. Garthwaite, *J. B. Ward, *H. J. Daroy, *J. W. Hayes, J. Pettit, Elihu Bliss.

<i>St. Andrew's, Lambertville,</i>	{ John Coryell, *Alexander Coryell, John Sharp.
<i>Grace, Jersey City,</i>	{ *J. T. Morton J. Van Voorst, H. A. Booraem.
<i>St. Philip's, Newark,</i>	{ P. P. O'Fake, *Jacob Rhodes.
<i>St. Thomas', Vernon,</i>	{ *Thomas B. DeKay, Thomas Lawrence.
<i>Grace, Elizabethport,</i>	{ *F. K. Phelps, I. I. Smith, D. Walker, I. Winne.
<i>House of Prayer, Newark,</i>	{ *D. Condit, *G. A. Mayhew, *J. W. Hayes, *B. T. Nichols, *J. J. Young, J. V. Cox, Walter Tomkins.
<i>Christ, Newark,</i>	{ *Joseph Kedger, H. D. Law, William Shereff, J. A. Corwin, M. D.
<i>St. John's, Camden,</i>	{ Charles Eldred, John A. Simmons, *C. L. Crump.
<i>Holy Trinity, Hudson,</i>	{ *T. J. Montgomery, Jr., William Daggett, *J. DeLancey Walton.
<i>St. John's, Dover,</i>	{ *Henry McFarlan, Charles McFarlan.
<i>St. Paul's, Newark,</i>	{ A. W. Dougherty, M. D., C. T. Gray, J. Van Wagenen, D. C. Scott, F. Callaway, *J. T. Garthwaite, *J. A. Stewart, *David Cass.
<i>St. Stephen's, Millburn,</i>	{ *Israel Condict, *Hugh Allcock, Amzi Condit.

<i>St. John's, Chew's Landing,</i>	{ Joshua Sickler, J. B. Sickler, J. R. Sickler, S. C. Chew.
<i>Christ, Elizabethtown,</i>	{ B. Williamson, C. H. Edwards, *J. J. Chetwood, *W. M. Whitehead, M. D., *W. C. Dayton, C. L. King, *H. J. Hayward, E. Mayo, *F. Barber.
<i>St. Matthew's, Newark,</i>	{ Andrew Schlecht, H. Lauerbier, J. Sülleek, William Waldherr, John Kehlig.
<i>St. Stephen's, South Amboy,</i>	{ E. R. Hanks, S. C. Knickerbocker, *L. D. Morse.
<i>St. James', Long Branch,</i>	{ John H. West, Henry Howland, Samuel Laird.
<i>Trinity, Hoboken,</i>	{ *A. L. Van Boskerck, *T. H. Thomas, J. F. Melliss, Hazleton Walkley, *Gershom Lockwood,
<i>Grace, Orange,</i>	{ *Jesse Williams, P. J. Bodwell, William Cleveland, William M. Babbitt, C. Shepherd.
<i>Grace, Plainfield,</i>	{ *James Oliver, Jasper Cadmus, *Richard Brantingham, S. S. Dykeman.

JOURNAL,

Grace Church, Newark, May 31, 1854.

THIS being the time and place appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of New Jersey, for the meeting of the Annual Convention of said Church, the Bishop and several of the Clergy and Lay Deputies assembled, in Grace Church, at 10 o'clock.

Morning prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Watson, and the Rev. Mr. Paterson; and the lessons read by the Rev. Mr. Pettit; the Bishop performing the Ante-Communion Service, the Rev. Mr. Dalzel, of the Diocese of Guiana, reading the Epistle. The Bishop then delivered his eighth Triennial Charge; after which he administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Clarkson.

The religious exercises being concluded, the Bishop took the Chair, and the Convention proceeded to organize. Upon calling the roll, the clergy present were the following:

The Rt. Rev. George W. Doane, D.D., LL. D., Bishop.	The Rev. Marcus F. Hyde,
The Rev. Clarkson Dunn,	David Brown,
Harry Finch,	John Rowland,
Richard C. Moore,	William R. Gries,
James A. Williams,	Philemon E. Coe,
Reuben J. Germain,	E. K. Smith,
Alfred Stubbs,	Hannibal Goodwin,
A. B. Paterson,	Vandervoort Bruce,
Isaac Smith,	Joshua Peterkin,
Edward W. Peet,	James Adams,
David Clarkson,	Joshua Smith,
J. M. Lybrand,	Eugene A. Hoffman,
H. B. Sherman,	N. W. Camp, D.D.,
J. L. Watson, D.D.,	J. H. Black,
Edward B. Boggs,	W. H. N. Stewart,
R. T. S. Lowell,	R. N. Merritt,
H. L. Edgar Pratt,	William C. Bryant,
S. M. Bartlett,	William C. Doane,
S. L. Southard,	William T. Johnston,
Julius D. Rose,	Franklin Babbitt.
Nathaniel Pettit,	
Samuel C. Stratton,	

The Rev. Mr. Dunn and the Hon. R. P. Thompson were appointed a Committee to examine the testimonials of Lay Deputies, who reported

that more than the constitutional number of Churches were represented. The Convention then took a recess until 4½ P. M., to assemble in Trinity Church.

Trinity Church, 4½ P. M.

The Convention assembled. The Lay Deputies being called, the following appeared :—

J. D. Forbes,
E. T. Williams,
E. West,
G. West,
P. R. Brinkerhoff,
G. H. Doane, M. D.,
R. B. Aertsen,
F. W. Foote,
J. S. Spencer,
Archer Gifford,
C. Parker,
J. P. Pennington,
S. Meeker,
Richard P. Thompson,
S. V. Hoffman.
J. S. Carpender,
Bennington Gill,
Theodore Stagg,
George Haywood,
W. A. Appleby,
D. B. Ryall,
Henry Hartung,
L. H. Albertson,
C. Reeves,
Abraham Whitehead,
Joseph Reeves,
J. S. Thompson,
T. H. Whitney,
Jacob Andrews,
William S. Mallet,
D. B. Wakeman,
Robert Dumont,
E. B. D. Ogden,
B. W. Vandervoort,
Aaron Ogden,
D. Babbitt, M. D.,
Joseph Lovell,
Alfred Moxsell,

Thomas P. Carpenter,
C. S. Olden,
T. W. Satterthwaite,
J. Rutherford,
J. M. Tuft,
F. B. Ogden,
J. W. Condit,
C. M. King,
J. C. Garthwaite,
J. W. Hayes,
J. J. Spencer, M. D.,
S. C. Thornton, Jr., M. D.
Alexander Coryell,
John Sharp,
J. T. Morton,
Jacob Rhodes,
T. K. Phelps,
D. Condit,
G. A. Mayhew,
J. J. Young.
Joseph Kedger,
J. A. Corwin, M. D.,
C. L. Crump,
T. J. Montgomery,
J. DeLancey Walton,
Henry McFarlan,
A. M. Dougherty, M. D.,
J. J. Chetwood,
W. M. Whitehead, M. D.,
W. C. Dayton,
H. J. Hayward,
F. Barber,
Israel D. Condit,
Hugh Allcock,
Amzi Condit,
J. T. Garthwaite,
J. A. Stewart,
David Cass.

The Convention proceeded to the choice of Secretary, when the Rev. Andrew Bell Paterson was elected.

The Secretary appointed the Rev. William Crosswell Doane his Assistant.

Resolved, That Clergy of other Dioceses, and candidates for the Ministry, who may be present in this city, be invited to attend the sittings of this Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, J. J. Spencer, and D. B. Ryall, were appointed a Committee to report on the application of new Parishes.

The Rules of Order of last Convention, were adopted as follows :

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Each meeting of the Convention shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. When the President assumes the Chair, each member shall take his seat.
3. After the first day, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning ; and, if necessary, corrected ; and, before the rising of the Convention, the whole proceedings of the sitting shall be read.
4. When a member chooses to speak, he shall rise and address the President.
5. When two members rise at the same time, the President shall determine the preference ; and, in any controversy respecting order, the President shall decide.
6. Every resolution, presented to this Convention, shall be fairly reduced to writing.
7. No motion shall be regarded unless seconded.
8. A motion of postponement or amendment, shall always be in order.
9. On motion to adjourn, or to lay upon the table, the question shall be put without debate.
10. No member shall speak oftener than thrice, on the same question, without the leave of the President.
11. At the request of the President, or on motion, the Convention may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole ; and shall take a vote for that purpose.
12. The yeas and nays shall be called, and entered on the minutes, when any two members require it.
13. The doors of the Convention shall be open for the admission of such persons, as may wish to know its proceedings.
14. No member shall leave the Convention, without permission.
15. All questions shall be decided *viva voce* ; unless required to be decided by ballot, by at least three clerical members, and three lay delegations.
16. In all elections, those persons only, who shall have a majority of all the votes given, shall be deemed elected.
17. The order of business shall be as follows :—The election of Standing Committee, Deputies to the General Convention, Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, and Trustees of the Offerings of the Church ; Presentation of Parochial Reports ; Postponed, and Miscellaneous, business.
18. The Bishop's Address at any time to be in order.
19. Daily prayers at 9 o'clock, A. M. ; adjourn at 2½ o'clock, P. M. ; evening session at 4½ o'clock, P. M.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW PARISHES.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of new Parishes for admission into union with this Convention respectfully report—

That they find the applications made by St. James' Church, Long Branch; St. Stephen's, South Amboy; Trinity Church, Hoboken; Grace, Orange; and Grace, Plainfield, are in due form, and they recommend their admission; and propose the following resolution.

Resolved, That the above named Churches be admitted into union with this Convention.

JOHN L. WATSON, D.D.,
J. J. SPENCER, M. D.,
DANIEL B. RYALL, } Committee.

The resolution was adopted, and the following appeared:—L. D. Morse, T. H. Thomas, Gershom Lockwood, Jesse Williams, James Oliver, Richard Brantnigham.

The Bishop then delivered his Annual Address; after which the Convention took a recess, until 7½ o'clock.

Trinity Church, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Convention assembled and proceeded to the election of officers, when the following were elected.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Of the Clergy.

Rev. Harry Finch,
J. L. Watson, D. D.,
J. A. Williams,
A. Stubbs.

Of the Laity.

J. J. Spencer, M. D.,
C. C. Stratton,
J. C. Garthwaite,
E. B. D. Ogden.

DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Of the Clergy.

Rev. C. Dunn,
J. L. Watson, D. D.,
A. Stubbs,
S. L. Southard.

Of the Laity.

J. W. Miller,
D. B. Ryall,
R. B. Aertsen,
W. Wright.

SUPPLEMENTAL DEPUTIES.

Of the Clergy.

Rev. A. B. Paterson,
J. A. Williams,
J. M. Lybrand,
D. Brown.

Of the Laity.

R. P. Thompson,
J. W. Condit,
S. V. Hoffman,
J. J. Chetwood.

Rev. Messrs. Henderson and Williams, and T. H. Whitney, and B. T. Nichols, were appointed Trustees of the Offerings of the Church.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF LAST CONVENTION TO WAIT UPON
THE COURT OF BISHOPS.

MR. PRESIDENT:—The Committee appointed to represent the Convention of New Jersey, at the Court of Bishops, assembled in Camden, in October last, (1853), desire to submit a very brief report.

The Committee prepared a statement of the case, and requested to be heard by the Court, as they had been before.

The Court proceeded to trial. But, during the discussion, and the settlement of some preliminary matters, it was decided that the statement should be listened to; although the Committee in person should not be admitted. The paper from New Jersey was read by the Rt. Rev., the Provisional Bishop of New York, the Secretary of the Body.

After prolonged consideration, and the utmost delicacy towards every one concerned, the Court came to the unanimous conclusion to dismiss the case. The decision has brought peace to a whole Diocese, and, we may add, peace to the Church. God grant that its effect may be, to make us altogether one; to bind the members of the Diocese, one and all, more closely to the head, and him, to them; and to unite us all in the best bond, the bond of charity.

SAMUEL L. SOUTHARD, JAMES A. WILLIAMS, HARRY FINCH, DANIEL B. RYALL, ELIAS B. D. OGDEN,	}	Committee.
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The report was accepted.

On motion of E. B. D. Ogden—

Resolved, That it be recommended that the offerings in every Parish in the Diocese made on Christmas Day in each year, be appropriated to the creation of "a fund for aged and infirm clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of New Jersey," and that the Trustees of the Offerings of the Church be *ex officio* Trustees of said Fund.

Resolved, That the Trustees make a report of their proceedings, and of the condition of the fund, at each Convention of the Diocese.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Convention send a copy of these resolutions to the Pastor, and in case of a vacancy, to the Wardens, of every Parish in the Diocese.

The Report of the Committee on Assessments for Printing, was read as follows :

To the Right Rev., the President of the Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey.

At the last annual meeting of this Convention, the Committee which had been appointed previously, on the "expenses of printing Journals, &c.," made a report, from which it appeared that there was at that time, in consequence of the failure of many parishes to pay the amounts assessed upon them, the sum of one hundred and seventy dollars unpaid. The same Committee was then continued, with directions to collect the balance yet due upon the assessment of 1852, and

to make a new one to meet the additional charge for printing 1000 copies of the Journal of 1853, then ordered.

Your Committee now beg leave to report that they have fulfilled the duty required of them to the best of their ability; they issued new circulars to every Parish, reminding those yet in arrears, and notifying all of the amounts expected from them for the year then current.

The whole sum received, including \$508.05 reported last year, is \$824.44. Bills have been paid amounting to \$761 94; leaving a balance in the hands of the Committee of \$62.50. The annexed statement presents the particulars, from which it will be seen, that there are several Parishes which have not responded at all, and others, only in part; and, as a necessary consequence, they regret to have to add, that after the cash now in hand is paid out, the Diocese will still be in debt for this account.

Your Committee beg to be discharged.

ROBERT B. AERTSEN, }
ELIAS B. D. OGDEN, } Committee.
J. C. GARTHWAITT, }

Statement of monies received from the several Parishes of the Diocese, on account of expenses for printing Journals, &c.

Amount received at date of last report, May 25, 1853. - - \$508.05

Received at Convention, after report was read.

From Grace Church, Newark,	-	-	-	\$11.00	
" St. Paul's, Trenton,	-	-	-	15.00	
" St. Peter's, Morristown,	-	-	-	5.00	
" House of Prayer, Newark,	-	-	-	8.00	
" Holy Trinity, Bergen,	-	-	-	5.00	
" St. Paul's, Rahway,	-	-	-	5.00	
" St. Peter's, Berkeley,	-	-	-	6.00	
" St. Peter's, Spottswood,	-	-	-	3.00	58.00

Received since on account of Assessment of 1852.

From Trinity Church, Moorestown,	-	-	-	7.00	
" Christ, Belleville,	-	-	-	25.00	
" Calvary, Flemington,	-	-	-	5.00	
" St. Andrew's, Lambertville,	-	-	-	4.39	
" St. John's, Elizabethtown,	-	-	-	3.00	44.39
" St. Peter's, Berkeley,	-	-	-		

Received on account of Assessment of 1853.

From St. John's Church, Camden,	-	-	-	2.00	
" St. Paul's,	-	-	-	5.00	
" St. John's, Somerville,	-	-	-	2.00	
" Grace, Haddonfield,	-	-	-	2.50	
" Ascension, Gloucester City,	-	-	-	2.50	
" Christ, Belleville,	-	-	-	7.00	
" St. Paul's, Hoboken,	-	-	-	3.00	
" St. John's, Dover,	-	-	-	2.00	
" Christ, Elizabethtown,	-	-	-	5.00	
" Calvary, Flemington,	-	-	-	3.00	
" St. Andrew's, Lambertville,	-	-	-	7.00	
" St. Mark's, Orange,	-	-	-	4.00	
" Christ, Newton,	-	-	-	6.00	
" St. Paul's, Paterson,	-	-	-	5.00	
" St. Paul's, Newark,	-	-	-	12.00	
" Trinity, do.	-	-	-		

From St. Peter's, Morristown,	.	.	.	6.00	
" Christ, Newark,	.	.	.	2.00	
" St. Peter's, Perth Amboy,	.	.	.	5.00	
" St. Mary's, Burlington,	.	.	.	43.50	
" St. John's Elizabethtown,	.	.	.	8.00	
" Grace, Van Voorst,	.	.	.	6.00	
" Christ, Shrewsbury,	}	.	.	9.00	
" Christ, Middletown,		.	.		
" Trinity, Red Bank,	.	.	.		
" House of Prayer, Newark,	.	.	.	7.00	
" St. Peter's, Berkeley,	.	.	.	2.00	
" St. Andrew's, Mount Holly,	.	.	.	7.00	
" Grace, Newark,	.	.	.	7.00	
" St. Peter's, Freehold,	.	.	.	2.50	
" Holy Trinity, Bergen,	.	.	.	2.00	
" Trinity, Moorestown,	.	.	.	4.00	
" Christ, New Brunswick,	.	.	.	7.00	
" St. John's, Salem,	.	.	.	5.00	
" Trinity, Swedesboro',	.	.	.	9.00	
" Zion, Belvidere,	.	.	.	5.00	
" St. Thomas', Glassboro',	.	.	.	2.00	
" St. Paul's, Rahway,	.	.	.	6.00	214.00
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					824.44

There still remains unpaid—					
From Christ Church, Allentown,	.	.	.	5.00	
" St. Michael's, Trenton,	.	.	.	40.00	
" *St. James', Knowlton,	}	.	.	10.00	
" St. Luke's, Hope,		.	.		
" St. George's, Penn's Neck,	.	.	.	10.00	
" St. Stephen's, Mullica Hill,	.	.	.	6.00	
" St. Matthew's, Jersey City,	.	.	.	30.00	
" Trinity, Princeton,	.	.	.	21.18	
" St. Stephen's, Beverly,	.	.	.	13.00	
" St. John's, West Hoboken,	.	.	.	10.00	
" *St. Thomas', Vernon,	.	.	.	10.00	
" Trinity, Middletown Point,	.	.	.	7.00	
" Grace, Elizabethtown,	.	.	.	10.00	
" St. Peter's, Church, Spottswood, for 1853,	.	.	.	3.00	
" Christ, Bordentown,	.	.	.	5.00	
" St. Paul's, Trenton,	.	.	.	5.00	185.18

* Since paid.

The Report was accepted, and the Committee desired to communicate with delinquent Parishes through their Pastors, and request immediate attention thereto; and in case of not receiving an answer, in a reasonable time, to communicate with one or more of the Wardens or Vestry, or Lay Deputies of such Parish, on the neglect.

Resolved, That Canon X. be referred to a committee to report at the next Convention, any and what alterations in it, that may be necessary.

E. B. D. Ogden, D. B. Ryall, and Rev. Mr. Hoffman, were appointed such Committee.

The Report of the Treasurer was read, accepted, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Finch—

Resolved, That the Committee on assessments be hereby authorized to assess the Parishes of the Diocese, for an amount sufficient to liquidate the debts of the

Convention, to meet the expenses of the Convention and the printing of the Journal and Charge of the present year; and that the amount of assessment be forwarded by each Parish to the Treasurer of the Convention.

On motion of E. B. D. Ogden,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized in behalf of this Convention, to furnish to J. Sharp and L. Taylor, the Committee appointed, last year, to take charge of the funds out of the sale of St. Paul's Church, Clifton, a full and sufficient acquittance and discharge to the persons now holding those funds.

Report concerning the Grave-yard of old St. Andrew's Church, Amwell.

The undersigned, appointed by this Convention, in 1849, with J. H. Wakefield, Esq., and Dr. Samuel Lilly, to take such steps as they thought proper, in reference to the fence round the Burying-Ground of old St. Andrew's Church, Amwell, asks leave, in the absence of the other members of the Committee, (one of whom has removed from the State, and the other is detained by public duties in Washington City,) to make the following Report:

He would inform the Convention, that he has caused to be erected around nearly one half of the Burying-Ground, which was most exposed to the public highway, a substantial iron fence, the cost of which has been eighty-five dollars, (\$85.) By reference to the Journal of the Convention for 1849, it will appear that the Convention assumed to pay to St. Andrew's Church, Amwell, at Lambertville, one hundred and fifty dollars, (\$150), on condition of their releasing the Convention from the obligation of keeping up the fence round said Burying-Ground, and assuming it themselves. Of this sum, but fifteen dollars (\$15) have been received from the Convention, making with the assessment of four dollars upon St. Andrew's Church, nineteen dollars, (\$19.) There is therefore, now due from the Convention to St. Andrew's Church, one hundred and thirty-one dollars, (\$131.) To complete the fence round the remaining part of the Burying-Ground will require, in the judgment of the undersigned, One Hundred Dollars. He therefore trusts the Convention will take such action as they may deem proper to secure the payment of the above-mentioned balance, pledged, by resolution of the Convention, to St. Andrew's Church.

JOHN SHARP, *Treasurer of the Committee.*

On motion,

Resolved, That \$131 be paid to the Treasurer of the grave-yard of old Andrew's Church, Amwell, from the fund of the Offerings of the Church.

One thousand copies of the Journal and Charge were ordered to be printed.

After Singing, and Devotions, by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned.

GEORGE W. DOANE, D.D., LL. D.,

President of the Convention.

ANDREW BELL PATERSON, *Secretary.*

CHURCHES AND CHAPELS,

IN

THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY ;

With the date of their origin, as near as could be ascertained ; or
of their admission into union with the Convention.

St. Peter's, Perth Amboy, before 1700, probably 1685.
Christ, Shrewsbury and Middletown, 1702.
St. Mary's, Burlington, 1704.
St. John's, Elizabethtown, 1704.
Trinity, Newark.
St. John's, Salem, 1721.
Christ, New Brunswick, 1742-43.
Christ, Newton, 1759.
Christ, Allentown, before the Revolution.
Christ, Johnsonburgh.
Trinity, Woodbridge, before the Revolution.
St. Andrew's, Mount Holly, before the Revolution.
St. Michael's, Trenton, before the Revolution.
St. James', Piscatawa, before the Revolution.
St. Mary's, Colestown, before the Revolution.
St. Peter's, Spottswood, before the Revolution.
St. Peter's, Freehold, 1788, probably much earlier.
St. James', Knowlton, 1788.
St. John's, Chew's Landing, 1791, probably earlier.
St. Peter's, Berkeley, 1791, probably earlier.
Trinity, Swedesborough, 1792.
St. George's, Penn's Neck, 1792.
St. Thomas', Glassborough, 1798.
St. Stephen's, Mullica Hill, 1823.
St. Thomas', Alexandria.
St. Matthew's, Jersey City, 1824.
St. Paul's, Paterson, 1824.
St. Mark's, Orange, 1827.
St. Peter's, Morristown, 1827.
St. Luke's, Hope, 1828.
St. Paul's, Camden, 1830.
Trinity, Princeton, 1833.
Christ, Bordentown, 1835.
Christ, Belleville, 1836: Formerly, Chapel of Trinity, Newark.
St. Paul's, Rahway, 1836.
St. Paul's, Hoboken, 1836.

Trinity Chapel, Moravia.
 Zion, Belvidere.
 St. Stephen's, Beverly, 1837.
 Grace, Newark, 1837.
 Trinity, Moorestown, 1838.
 Calvary, Flemington, 1843.
 Grace, Haddonfield, 1843.
 Trinity, Fairview, 1845.
 St. Andrew's, Amwell, at Lambertville, 1846.
 Grace, (Van Vorst, in) Jersey City 1847.
 St. Philip's, Newark, 1848.
 St. Matthew's, Newark, 1848.
 St. Thomas', Vernon, 1848.
 St. Paul's, Trenton, 1849.
 Ascension, Gloucester, 1849.
 Grace, Elizabethport, 1850.
 Trinity, Middletown Point, 1850.
 House of Prayer, Newark, 1851.
 Christ Free Mission, Newark, 1852.
 St. John's, Somerville, 1852.
 St. John's, Camden, 1852.
 Church of the Holy Trinity, Hudson, 1852.
 St. John's, Dover, 1852.
 St. Paul's, Newark, 1853.
 Christ, Elizabethtown, 1853.
 St. Stephen's, Millville, 1853.
 St. James', Long Branch, 1854.
 St. Stephen's, South Amboy, 1854.
 Trinity, Hoboken, 1854.
 Grace, Orange, 1854.
 Grace, Plainfield, 1854.

Parochial Reports.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BURLINGTON:

THE RIGHT REVEREND GEORGE WASHINGTON DOANE, D. D., LL.D., RECTOR;

THE REVEREND WILLIAM CROSWELL DOANE, ASSISTANT MINISTER.

Families and individual pewholders, 205; baptisms, (infants 73, adults 19), 92; confirmed 71; communicants 262; marriages 4; funerals 23. Offerings of the Church; (charities of the Parish, \$276.97; Diocesan Missions, \$217.04; General Missions, \$182.00;) \$676.04. Parish Schools, \$450.00; other objects, 1649.00—total \$2775.04. Sunday School, 190; Boys Parish School, 37; Girls's Parish School, 80.

Daily morning and evening prayers. Holy Communion; at Christmas, Easter, Ascension-day, Whitsunday, Trinity, and on the first Sunday of every month. The Offerings of the Church, with Offertory and Prayer for Christ's Church Militant, on every Lord's day, and on Christmas and Ascension day. The Parish School for boys, under the care of Mr. Samuel B. Seaman, C. H. O., contains thirty-seven boys; who receive a plain English education, with careful religious instruction, weekly catechism and instruction in sacred music. The Parish School for girls; under the care of Miss Anna W. Blackney, numbers eighty children; whose instruction comprises, plain sewing, in addition to the above. Both Schools are strictly under the supervision and control of the Clergy of the Parish, and are for the children of its poor.

A semi-monthly evening service at Fairview, is supplied from this Parish, and from the Clergy of the two Institutions; and it is intended this summer, to establish one service on every Lord's day, at Florence. A class for Scriptural instruction, meeting every week, has been successfully commenced.

The new Parish Church, will be ready for consecration, in a few weeks, if it please God.

The Rev. Mr. Frost continues to render valuable service in the Parish:

Rt. Rev. and Dear Father:—During the past year, I have continued to act as your assistant in this Parish; endeavoring, with God's help, to discharge the sacred obligations of my ordination vows.

I have administered the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, 34 times; assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion 19 times; read the Ba-

rial Service 19 times; solemnized Matrimony 3 times; catechised the children openly in the Church, 8 times, and in the two Parish Schools twice every week; preached 40 times; used the office for the Churching of women 4 times; said daily morning and daily evening prayer in the Church; and taken charge, under your direction, of a class for Scriptural instruction.

I have also been engaged in my duties as Adjunct Professor of English Literature in Burlington College; and in assisting the Candidates for Holy Orders, in their Hebrew studies.

Your faithful son,

WILLIAM CROSWELL DOANE.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, PERTH AMBOY:

THE REV HORACE L. EDGAR PRATT, RECTOR ELECT:

Families and pewholders, 83; baptisms, 22; confirmations, none; no Episcopal Visitation since last report. Communicants, 67; funerals, (belonging to the parish, 10, others 6), 16. Offerings of the Church, (alms and building fund, \$176.02; Convention assessment, \$5.00; Missions, Domestic, Foreign, and Diocesan, \$76.62),—total, \$257.64.

Prayers on all Holy Days: in Lent, every Wednesday and Friday, (with a lecture,) and daily in Passion Week. Holy Communion, on the first Sunday of every month, and all the great Festivals. Children catechized "openly in the Church," once a month.

CHRIST CHURCH, SHREWSBURY; CHRIST CHURCH, MIDDLETOWN; AND TRINITY CHAPEL, RED BANK:

THE REV. HARRY FINCH, RECTOR;

THE REV. ELI WHEELER, ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHRIST CHURCH SHREWSBURY, AND TRINITY CHAPEL, RED BANK.

Families (added 2, removed 1), 104; communicants, (added—by the Rector, 9—by the assistant to Trinity Chapel, Red Bank, 2; died, 4; removed, 2), 196; baptisms, (by the Rector, adults, 8; children 12;—by the assistant,—adults, 4; children, 6), 30; confirmed, (in the Methodist Meeting House, at Macedonia—belonging to Christ Church Shrewsbury, 8; in Christ Church, Shrewsbury, 4; in Trinity Chapel, Red Bank, 4; one belonging to Christ Church, Middletown. In Christ Church, Middletown, 2), 18; married, (by the Rector 13; by the assistant, 2), 15; buried, (by the Rector 10, of Christ Church, Shrewsbury; 3 from New York; 2 of St. Peter's, Freehold; 2 of Christ Church, Middletown. By the Assistant, 3 of Trinity Chapel, Red Bank), 20. Offerings of the Church—Advent Domestic Missions, (Christ Church, Shrewsbury, \$11.00; Trinity Chapel, Red Bank, \$5.68; Christ Church, Middletown, \$4.09), \$20.77. Epiphany For-

eign Missions, (Christ Church, Shrewsbury, \$5.44; Christ Church, Middletown, \$5.62½,) 11.06½; Diocesan Missions, (Christ Church, Shrewsbury), \$65.27; Parish School, (African,) Christ Church, Shrewsbury, \$14.48; Assessment for Journals, (Christ Church, Shrewsbury, \$3.26; Trinity Chapel, Red Bank, \$2.54; Christ Church, Middletown, \$3.20), \$9.00; Parochial purposes, &c., St. James' Church, Long Branch, about \$400.00.

During the last year, the Parish of "the Minister, Church Wardens, and Vestry of Christ Church, in the town of Shrewsbury," embracing the Townships of Shrewsbury and Middletown, incorporated by a Royal Charter, under George II., has been divided by an Act of the Legislature. So that hereafter, each township will form a separate Parish.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ELIZABETHTOWN :

THE REV. E. C. MOORE, RECTOR.

Baptisms, (adult, 1, infants, 13), total, 14; confirmed, 16; communicants, (added, 16), present number, about 90; marriages, 4; burials 15, including several not of the congregation. Offerings of the Church, for Foreign Missions, \$90.95; Sunday School Offering to China, \$20.00; Domestic Missions, \$47.03; Diocesan, \$44.78; Communion Alms, and Thanksgiving collection, \$104.57; Sunday School purposes, \$118.41; General Parochial objects, \$648.54—Total, \$969.28.

Notwithstanding the number of families which withdrew from St. John's Church, to form the new Parish of Christ Church, the congregation has not sensibly diminished. The Sunday School numbering 24 Teachers, and 149 Scholars, has been unusually flourishing; the number of Scholars having never, at any previous time, been so large. The Library has received an accession of several hundred volumes; the School has been re-organized; a monthly meeting of Teachers has been established; and it is hoped, that this branch of our Church operations has been placed upon a basis of progressive prosperity.

The Ladies Sewing Circle, has been actively engaged, during the past year. They have made extensive repairs upon the Parsonage; among which is a piazza, at an expense of \$140. The whole amount raised by them for these purposes, has been \$275.

The Ladies of the congregation, have also united with the other Ladies of the town, in the charitable work of making Clothing for the poor. During the past winter, as in previous years, they met weekly for this purpose.

TRINITY CHURCH, NEWARK :

THE REV. MATTHEW H. HENDERSON, RECTOR.

Baptisms, 34 infants; marriages, 10; funerals, 23; Offerings, (Missionary to the Poor, \$216.96; German Mission, about \$200.00; General Mis-

sions, Foreign, \$93.78; Domestic, \$96.68; Sunday School Christmas Offering, \$5.25; for the Poor, \$59.33; the Clothing Society have expended \$34.13, and distributed 135 garments). Parochial plans, \$81.44; whole amount \$787.57—besides the usual amount of offerings from Hanford Smith.

In consequence of the Rector's absence in Europe, during the past year he is unable to give an exact return of the communicants. Some have died; of the number of removals, he has no certain knowledge. The names of seven are on the list as having been added. Doubtless there are several others.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SALEM:

THE REV. ANDREW BELL PATERSON, RECTOR.

Families, 55; baptisms, (infants 6, adults, 4), total, 10; confirmed, 6; communicants, (removed 2, added 9, present number 78); marriages, 2; funerals, 5; Sunday School Teachers, 11; Scholars, 70; contributions—Missions, Diocesan \$71; Domestic, \$65; Foreign, \$56; Minnesota, \$100; Nashota, \$50; Alms at Communion, \$81; Church extension, \$40; Parochial purposes, \$1000.—Total, \$1463.

BRIDGETON:

THE REV. ANDREW BELL PATERSON, MISSIONARY.

Baptisms, infant, 1; communicants, 19. The monthly service is continued, with large attendance, and a fair prospect of Church building.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEWTON:

THE REV. CLARKSON RYAN, RECTOR.

Families, 50; communicants, (died and removed 4, added 4), 40; baptisms, (adults 6, children, 11), 17; marriages 10; funerals, 18; Offerings of the Church—Diocesan, \$5; General, \$10; Episcopal Fund, \$5; other purposes, \$195.—Total \$215.

TRINITY CHURCH, WOODBRIDGE:

THE REV. JAMES CHAPMAN, MISSIONARY.

The congregation of this Church still remains small. The services of the Missionary have been rendered as far as has been practical. Baptisms, 2; marriages, 2; funerals attended, 14 at Woodbridge and other stations.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MOUNT HOLLY:

THE REV. GEORGE T. MORRHOUSE, RECTOR.

Families and pewholders, 70; baptisms, infants, 6; confirmed, 1; communicants, (died and removed 5, added 5), 80; marriages, 5; funerals, 4; Sunday School Teachers, 25; Scholars, 120; books, 700; Bible Society,

\$15 ; Domestic Missions, \$66 ; Foreign Missions, \$66 ; Parochial, \$532.60 ;
—total, \$679.60.

Service as usual on Sundays, the principal Festivals and Fasts, and during Advent and Lent. Prayer on Wednesday afternoon. Communion on the first Sunday of every month, and on Christmas, Easter, and Whitsunday.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, TRENTON :

THE REV. SAMUEL STARR, RECTOR.

Families and pewholders, 123 ; baptisms, 5 ; confirmed, 3 ; communicants, (died and removed 6, added 13), present number, 115 ; marriages, 7 ; funerals, 7.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, PISCATAWA :

THE REV. ISAAC SMITH, MISSIONARY.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:—Since my last report, I have continued to officiate in St. James' Church, on every Sunday, both morning and afternoon with the exception of two Sundays ; when I was disabled by sickness. Also, I have officiated on Thanksgiving day, on Christmas day, on Ash-Wednesday, on Good-Friday, and on Ascension Day. And have administered the Holy Communion on the first Sunday of every month ; also, on Christmas day, and on Easter Sunday.

I have united four couples in Holy Matrimony ; have baptized eleven children and infants ; and have buried one member of this Church. Two communicants have removed from this place, and one has been taken from us by death. Two have been added.

Five Dollars have been contributed as "Church Offerings;" three dollars for Domestic Missions, and two dollars for Foreign,—\$10.

Though poor in this world's goods, I pray that this little flock may be rich in faith.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, FREEHOLD :

THE REV. WILLIAM T. JOHNSTON, MISSIONARY.

Rt. Rev. Father in God:—At your direction, I took charge of this Parish, on the first of January, in this year ; after the Church had been closed for several months.

Since first of January, I report ; baptisms, 3 infants ; confirmations, 1 ; communicants, 21 ; marriages, 1 ; burials, 1 ; Sunday Scholars, 15 ; catechists, 3 ; Library books 75 ; Offerings, for parochial purposes, \$9.82½ ; Diocesan, \$2.50.

The exterior of the Church has been repaired, and improved.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KNOWLTON:**THE REV. J. HENRY BLACK, MISSIONARY.**

Rt. Rev. Father in God:—Since my appointment as Missionary to the Parish of St. James' Church, Knowlton, divine service has been held in the Church regularly, on Lord's day morning; and such other ministerial duties have been performed, from time to time, as opportunity offered.

The Parish has sustained a heavy loss in the frequent removals, by death or otherwise, that have taken place, both during the present incumbency, and the years that are past. It requires a rapid growth to be able to retain even its ordinary strength.

The Church is well attended, and it is highly encouraging, amid all the difficulties that one has to encounter, in a field that has suffered from the want of cultivation, to witness an increase of love and zeal, both for the Divine Head, and the sacred body of the Church. It is to be hoped, that stronger evidence of these excellent gifts, will yet appear among the beautiful hills and vallies of this secluded Parish.

Baptisms, (infants), 2; communicants removed, 7, present number, 43; burials, 4; catechists, 8; catechumens, 40; Offerings of the Church—Foreign Missions, \$3.23; Domestic Missions, \$4.59; Diocesan Missions, \$6.32; Parochial purposes, \$11.68.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BERKELEY, AT CLARKSBOROUGH:**THE REV. SAMUEL C. STRATTON, RECTOR.**

Families, about 40; baptisms, (infants) 3; confirmed 1; communicants, (added 3, died 1, removed 2), present number 51; marriages, 3; funerals, (4 of them not of the Parish), 6; Sunday School Teachers, 8; Scholars, 54; Bible class members, 18; Books in the Sunday School Library, 650; Books in the Parish Library, 173.

Contributions:—Alms at the Holy Communion, \$26.78; African Mission, \$33.13; from the Sunday Scholars to the same, \$4.10; China Mission, \$10.00; Missions to the West, \$17.00—amount for Missions, \$64.23. For the Poor, \$5.00; for Books in the Sunday School Library, \$13.00; Books for the Parish Library, \$13.00.—Total, \$122.01.

An aged communicant, long a venerable and useful member of the Church in this Parish, has, since the last report, been called hence; we trust, to her everlasting rest.

TRENTY CHURCH, SWEDSBOROUGH:**THE REV. EDWARD B. BOGGS, RECTOR.**

Baptisms, (adults 3, infants 5), 8; confirmed, 2; marriages, 7; funerals, 8; communicants, 25. A new Sunday School Room of large size building.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEW BRUNSWICK:

THE REV. ALFRED STUBBS, RECTOR.

It was stated in my last annual report, that our venerable old Church had been taken down, with the exception of the Tower, in order to be rebuilt, and enlarged. The new Building was completed in the month of August, and consecrated on the Feast of St. Bartholomew. It is built in the Norman style, from a plan furnished by Messrs. Wills and Dudley; the work being superintended by John Hall, Esq.

As much of the old material as could be used, was put in the new structure; stone of similar colour being found in the neighborhood, to supply what was wanting, for the prolongation of the side walls. The present building consists of a nave, 50 by 75 feet, with a chancel of 20 feet in depth, and a south porch. It is admirably adapted for conveying sound; the officiating Clergyman has only to speak in the ordinary tone of conversation, to be heard in every part of the Church. The interior is plainly, but substantially finished, and the Church retains its former venerable appearance.

The expense of these improvements has not much exceeded \$8000; and as the memory of the Church's benefactors should never be forgotten, it seems proper to mention the names of the chief donors. Two sisters—Mrs. S. V. Hoffman and Mrs. R. J. Livingston, contributed \$5000. To them belongs the praise of laying the foundation of this noble undertaking: Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Kinney, and Mrs. Hoffman, presented the chancel windows, which represent our Lord's Prayer in the Garden, His Crucifixion and Resurrection. A side window is given by Mrs. I. R. Cornell, in memory of her grand-mother, the late Mrs. Donan, who was also a benefactor of the Church. Some friends of the lamented and "greatly beloved" Professor Ogilby, who now sleeps within the Church's shade, contemplate furnishing another memorial window on the opposite side. The Ladies of the congregation united generally in furnishing a handsome carpet for the aisles and chancel; and Mrs. F. Schuphardt also supplied a complete set of new and elegantly bound books for the Altar, Lectern and Desk. In addition to this, three members of the Vestry, Messrs. I. R. Cornell, F. S. Kinney, J. S. Carpenter, and the Senior Warden, S. V. Hoffman, Esq., contributed \$1500. The rest of the money, necessary for completing the building, was chiefly supplied by the legacy of the late Mrs. Clarkson of New Brunswick, who bequeathed to the Church, a few years since, one thousand dollars.

The main characteristic of the Building, and its chief excellence, consists in its exquisite appropriateness. Every one who looks at it, sees that it was intended for a Church; and for nothing else but a Church; and

as he enters within its porch, the conviction is forced upon his mind, and involuntarily escapes from his lips—

“This is none other than the House of God.”

During the year past, the congregation has steadily advanced in growth and strength. Three adults and 49 children have been baptized; 18 persons confirmed. The number would have been 25, but for the inclemency of the weather; marriages, 8; burials, 22; families and pewholders, 108; communicants, 125; Offerings—for Missions, \$150; Episcopal Fund, \$32; Parochial purposes, about \$500.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, MULLICA HILL:

THE REV. WILLIAM F. BRYANT, RECTOR.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:—In making to you my first report, I would state that I entered upon my duties as Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Mullica Hill, New Jersey, on the first day of the present month—May. Since then, I have officiated in the service of the Church, on six occasions, and have preached and lectured nine times. The office of baptism has been administered to one infant. The sum of two dollars has been collected for the Convention Fund.

Permit me to state, that notwithstanding the untiring efforts of the Warden, William S. Mallet, and others, the Church is still considerably in debt; the Rectory is greatly in need of repairs, and we are straitened in accommodations for our Sunday School. We are suffering from the want of a suitable room, in which to meet and instruct the children of our Parish. Can you not, sir, assist us to obtain, or put us in the way of obtaining the funds, necessary to remove our present embarrassment? With prayers for the Divine blessing upon you, and upon your arduous labors, this report is respectfully submitted, by yours in Christ.

WARDEN'S REPORT.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:—Since last report up to the first of the present month, we have had ninety-two services in the Church. Rev. Erastus D. Wolf resigned his charge of this Parish, December 18th—since which time the following Clergy have kindly officiated for us: the Rev. Messrs. Roberts, Bryant, Evans, Norris, Huntingdon, Rev. Joseph Smith, and Rev. G. A. Durborow, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and the Rev. Mr. Mayers, of this Diocese. Our present Rector, Rev. William F. Bryant entered upon his duties as Rector of this Parish, the first of the present month—May. Our new Church was consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, on the 30th day of August, 1853: at which time there was 5 confirmed. There has been 1 marriage; 7 funerals. When there has been no minister with us on Sunday, I have read the service and sermon. I have read the burial

service on two occasions, as no minister was present. Offerings of the Church, for Parochial purposes, \$55.55; Bishop White Prayer Book Society, \$1.58; African Mission, \$9.27; Sunday School, \$1.02; Episcopal Female Tract Society, \$1.75; disabled Clergymen, \$2.00. We have lost one communicant member by death. The great Head of the Church has truly blessed our labors in erecting a new Temple in this Parish. May our Heavenly Father reward all who have assisted us in our feeble efforts. I trust, under the faithful labors of our Rector, it will soon be filled with devout worshippers. All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM S. MALLEY, Church Warden.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, GLASSBOROUGH:

THE REV. JOSEPH S. MATERS, MISSIONARY.

Right Rev. Father:—By your direction, I took charge of St. Thomas' Church, Glassborough, on the 1st of January last; and have held, up to this time, regular services, there, on Sundays, morning and afternoon. I found the Parish rather feeble, the number of Communicants not exceeding fourteen; but these few are shining lights, and we hope, by God's grace, soon to gain strength. The Sunday School is increasing, and the children are attentive; they are catechised, at stated times, "openly in the Church." I have held Service, and preached at the following places; Mullica Hill, twice; Batsto, once; Winslow, once. Baptism, 1; marriage, 1; burial, 1.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MORRISTOWN:

THE REV. ROBERT NORRIS MERRITT, RECTOR.

Baptisms, (adults 4, children 20), 24; Communicants, (regular 76, occasional 10), 86; marriages, 4; burials, 8. The diminished number of Communicants, when compared with last year, is thus accounted for; the removals from the neighborhood have been numerous, and those living at the distant Missionary stations, are not included in this report. Offerings for Domestic Missions, \$53.87; Foreign Missions, \$31.00; Parochial purposes, since 1st Nov. 1853, \$163.30; Communion Alms, from the same date, \$89.22; number of Sunday School children, 50; of Teachers, 10.

During the past year, this Parish has been vacant for three months. The present Rector, entered upon his duties in October, and his report embraces all the baptisms, marriages, and burials, recorded in the Register since the last Annual Convention. He regrets to state, that the temporal affairs of the Parish, are not so prosperous as could be wished, though in an improving condition. Its revenue, at this time, though increased by the rental of a greater number of pews, and a higher rate of assessment, is still burdened by the payment of interest on a debt of some

magnitude. This debt will retard the progress of the Parish, and render it unsafe to incur the expense of re-building or enlarging the Church, (which is much needed) until a safe and speedy scheme is matured, for its liquidation.

Information was formerly conveyed to the Convention, of a bequest to this Parish, of \$3000, towards the founding of a Parochial School: but owing to difficulties unforeseen at the time, the Parish will not receive more than half that sum, and that is limited by the testator's executor, to the re-building or enlarging of the Church edifice.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PATERSON.

Right Rev. Sir:—It having pleased Almighty God, in His wise Providence, to take out of this world our late beloved Pastor, to render an account of his Stewardship, to the Chief Shepherd, the undersigned makes the following report of the state of the Parish, during the last year.—Communicants, 116; Infant baptisms, 35; persons confirmed 21; marriages, 21; funerals, 32.

ELIAS B. D. OGDEN, Senior Warden.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, ORANGE:

THE REV. JAMES A. WILLIAMS, RECTOR.

Families and pew-holders, 85; baptisms, 17; of which 15 were infants, and 2 adults; communicants, (died 2, removed 25, added 8), present number 160; marriages 3; funerals 5.

The Sunday School numbers 80 children, under the personal supervision of the Rector, assisted by a Superintendent and 10 teachers. Public catechising, is also held monthly.

The proceeds of the Weekly Offertory amount to \$466.33. Of this sum \$120 were for the General Board of Missions; for Diocesan purposes, \$181.55, and for Parochial charities, \$314.78.

The division of the Parish, a measure for some time in contemplation, has at length been effected. Several families, desirous of a Church in a more central location, have withdrawn from St. Mark's, and established services under the pastoral care of the Rev. Dr. Berry. A Parish has been organized, and taken the name of Grace Church. This measure has been consummated, with the consent of the Rector of St. Mark's. The increase of population had rendered necessary additional Church accommodations, and the rapid growth of the town, promises to afford ample room for two congregations.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CAMDEN :**THE REV. JOSEPH M. LYNNARD, RECTOR.**

Baptisms, (infants 15); communicants, (died 2, removed 10, added 1) 148; marriages 6; funerals 12. Offerings—Parochial, \$353; Diocesan \$42; General, \$72; Episcopal Fund, \$17.10.

TRINITY CHURCH, PRINCETON :**THE REV. JOSHUA PETERKIN, RECTOR.**

Baptisms, (infants, 5); confirmed, 7; marriages, 3; funerals, 7; communicants, (removed 6, added 4), present number, 64; Sunday School scholars, 60; Teachers, 10; Contributions—Communion Alma, \$104.74; Domestic Missions, \$138.29; Foreign Missions, \$150.06; Parochial school, \$300. Other contributions, to a considerable amount, have been made to various objects, such as Church building, &c., by individual members of the congregation.

Services are held, with a good degree of encouragement, once in every four weeks, at Rocky Hill, a village about five miles distant from Princeton.

CHRIST CHURCH, BELLEVILLE :**THE REV. HENRY DEERS SHERMAN, RECTOR ELECT.**

Families, 74; baptisms, infants, 23; communicants, (died and removed 4, added 6), 65; burials, 11; catechumens, 67; missionary and charitable contributions, exclusive of parochial objects, \$628.56.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, RAHWAY :**THE REV. EDWARD W. FEET, RECTOR.**

The Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Rahway, reports to the Bishop, 27 baptisms, 4 of which were adults; 17 confirmed, and 20 added to Communion, making the whole of the present number about 75. Marriages, 7; burials, 13.

These statistics, are very decidedly in advance of those of any previous year, in the history of the Parish, and taken in connection with the full attendance at Church, and the large, and seemingly devout assemblage, at several late communions, should create in the mind only a cheerful and hopeful impression for the time to come. The Parish has continued under its present organization for a period of ten years, a fact, which the Rector made the subject of a discourse, on the occasion of the anniversary of the Consecration of the Church, in December last. During that period, the peace of the Parish continued unbroken and uninterrupted; many souls were taken to their heavenly rest, and many others were gathered

into the Church here on earth ; God grant that they may be found to be His true children, by all the graces of the Christian life !

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, HOBOKEN :

THE REV. V. BRUCE, RECTOR.

Families, about 80 ; individuals, about 350 ; baptisms, (infants), 25 ; communicants, about 45 ; catechists, about 13 ; catechumens, about 50 ; marriages, 6 ; funerals 19.

During the past year, Divine Service has been celebrated in the morning and evening of Sundays ; Wednesday and Friday mornings, and Wednesday evenings, during Lent : every morning, and Wednesday evening of Passion Week : and on the Festival of the Ascension. Holy Communion, the first Sunday in every month, and on the Festivals of Christmas, Easter, and Whitsunday. In addition to the exercises of the Sunday School, the children of the Parish have been openly instructed in the catechism of the Church.

During the past year, the Vestry has exhibited a commendable zeal. In addition to our current expenses, they have painted the Church, at a cost of \$260.00 ; introduced Gas, at a cost of \$174.00 ; repaired the Church, at a cost of \$100 ; paved, curbed, and flagged, the street in front of the Church, at a cost of \$250 ; and secured a lot of ground adjoining the site of the Church, valued at \$3000 ; on all which objects there is now due less than \$300. Thus adding to the property of the Church, during the past year \$3484. Contributions, in addition to the above—To the Domestic Missionary Society, \$38.53 ; to the Minnesota Mission, \$7 ; to the poor of the Parish, \$90.

In reference to the lot of ground, it becomes me to state that a few years since, when it was valued at \$1200, Messrs. Edwin A., Robert L., and John D. Stevens, offered it to the Church for \$600. At that time the Vestry did not feel able to buy it. Though it would now readily bring over \$3000, yet the Messrs. Stevens have generously given a Deed of it to the Church, in consideration of the original sum ; thus virtually contributing, themselves, towards its purchase, the amount of \$2400.

It is a gratifying circumstance also, that the Vestry contemplate a Rectory. We trust the day is not far distant, when one will be secured.

While the blessings which our Parish, during the year past, has received, dispose us to thank God and take courage, yet we are not without our chastisement. Nineteen of our number have been called away ; among whom is the late James G. King. We look in vain to have his place supplied. He maintained the Church in her integrity, and never allowed minor considerations to swerve him from his allegiance. In the words of the Vestry, on the mournful occasion, " We acknowledge with thankfulness, the benefits conferred on our Parish, by his counsel, his example, and his

liberality; and we thank God, even in our bereavement, that He gave to us, and continued to us so long, one whom the poor loved, the state valued, and the Church honored."

"Incorrupta fides—nudaque veritas
Quando ullum invenient parem?
Multis ille quidem flebilis occidit."

ZION CHURCH, BELVIDERE:

THE REV. J. HENRY BLACK, MISSIONARY.

Baptism, 1 adult; communicants, (removed 2, added 2), present number, 10; burials, 2; Offerings of the Church—Domestic Missions, \$3.77; Foreign Missions, \$6.41; Diocesan Missions, \$7.85.

The Church in this Parish is feeble. It never had much strength. Many circumstances have proved unfavorable to the proper development even of the energy which it possessed. There is a reasonable prospect, however, of accession and advancement. The congregation has been steadily, and somewhat rapidly increasing, since the commencement of my ministry in this place. But the number in attendance on Divine Service, at any time, does not always determine the actual *growth* of the Church, although it evinces in a measure, at least, a disposition to receive the truth; and such an opportunity of mingling in the prayers and praises of God's people, being improved, some good may be expected to come out of it.

But there is a great want here, which, if unsupplied, it is to be feared, the Church will never prosper,—that is, *a suitable place of worship*. The present Church edifice is small, and in a dilapidated condition. One of the Church Wardens, (whose generous heart has often mitigated the severity of my labors,) together with several of the congregation, is now making strenuous efforts, to add a recess chancel to the building, and recover it from ruin. Will any one stretch out his hand to help us? His mite, or his bounty, would be well bestowed. A gentleman in Burlington, has promised us a chancel window of superior style, besides making us a liberal contribution.

The place is increasing beyond its capacity for inhabitants, and the facilities for travelling, which are about to be afforded, as well as the manufacturing interests to be secured, will make it in many respects a desirable location. But what have we to meet this demand, for a sanctuary in some manner becoming the majesty of God? Unless, by some means, about \$1500 can be raised for the object proposed, it must be, that sooner or later, the ground shall be yielded, to those "who are not of us."

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, BEVERLY:

Families, 34; adults 66, children 29—total 95; communicants, (added 8), present number, 56; baptisms, 1 adult; burials, 3; Collections—Communion alms, \$24.90; Missionary, and other purposes, \$83.79.

The Parish has erected, during the last Conventional year, a new Church edifice, at a cost of \$8000. It is built of stone, and of the Gothic order of architecture. With the exception of the basement, however, it will not be ready for use for several months to come. When completed, it will be an ornament to the Town; and also an attractive place, into which the worshippers of God may assemble, from time to time, to do Him service.

The subscriber resigned the charge of the Parish, upon the 31st of March, having filled the Rectorship for the space of seventeen months.

SAMUEL COWELL, Rector.

GRACE CHURCH, NEWARK:

THE REV. WILLIAM HENRY NASSAU STEWART, RECTOR.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:—The following report is as complete as my short residence and imperfect means of obtaining information will permit to be.

The pewholders and families are, I think, 86 in number. Of this number, as many as twelve families were, when I took charge, altogether unbaptized. Beside these, a number large in proportion to the congregation, of adults and children scattered through the families of those who are members of our Church, or attendants on our services, are unbaptized likewise. By a careful personal application to individuals, and an adaptation of instruction to each particular case, I have tried under God's blessing, to correct this state of things. I have baptized seven adults and eight infants, which with ten infants baptized by the former Rector, make twenty-five baptisms for the year last past. Confirmed this day twelve. I am unable to state the exact number of communicants. From observation and inquiry, I conclude that they are at present 100. Died, 2; added, 12; removed, 14; marriages 8; funerals, 8; catechists, 13; catechumens, 115. Adults preparing for baptism, 6. The Alms for the poor, from the fourth Sunday after Epiphany to Sunday after Ascension, amount to \$109.87; Foreign Missions of the Church, \$33.91; Episcopal Fund, \$20.45; Diocesan Missions, \$23.09; Offertory at opening of Convention, \$24.66; other purposes, during the year, \$9.00.

The daily morning and evening prayers, have, by the kind and occasional assistance of my Rev. brethren Rosé, Doane and Smith, been continued without interruption. The children of the Parish School attend at morning prayers, and the evening prayers are well attended by an adult congregation. The Holy Communion is administered weekly, and on all high Festivals intervening between the Lord's days. It is attended and esteemed a privilege, by some earnest and pious souls.

The Parish School, for boys, is flourishing under Mr. Robert Gray, the Principal, and the active superintendence and interest of the Rector. We need increased facilities and other buildings, which I have reason to know

will soon be obtained. This is the only thing which prevents a large increase to the School. The girls' School is under Miss Louisa Wheeler's charge; and has doubled its numbers. Miss W. is a graduate of St. Mary's Hall. There are 47 boys, and 28 girls.

I desire to notice Mr. R. Gray's constant interest and success in the musical training of the boys. His duties, as Principal of the School, however, so absorb his time that the services of Mr. Walter, organist of St. Paul's, New York, have been secured on two days in the week, to relieve him, and to give the boys a thorough education in the theory and practice of vocal music. The children of both Schools are catechized by the Rector, four times a week.

The ladies of the congregation have continued their useful labors in making clothes for the poor: and their charity and thoughtfulness concerning the "glory and beauty" which belong to God's House, have led them to present a handsome set of robes to the Church, for the use of the Rector.

This Parish is as yet only a Missionary post, strongly and liberally sustained, in the midst of abounding error and ignorance of the "first principles of the doctrine of Christ," as St. Paul understood them.—Heb. vi. 1.

Thankfully acknowledging God's goodness, in giving me this care of souls; remembering how other men have labored; and how I have entered into their labors, I pray God to prevent and follow me with His grace; and cause me devoutly to be given to all good works, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

GRACE CHURCH, HADDONFIELD:

THE REV. JOSIAH M. BARTLETT, MINISTER.

Families, 19; baptisms, (infants 2, adult 1), 3; confirmed, 1; communicants, (added 1), present number, 15; Sunday School Teachers, 6, Scholars, 40; Offerings, \$250.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, LAMBERTVILLE:

THE REV. DAVID BROWN, RECTOR.

My Dear Bishop:—Grateful as it is to be permitted to rejoice and be thankful, that our beloved Church is blest with unwonted increase and prosperity in other portions of your Diocese; so is it painful to contemplate her in this, as overborne by the worldly and the wild spirits, which seem yet to hold in a miserable thralldom a large and commanding portion of the entire population. Indeed, rare is it in this part of the country to find a person, having any respect for the religious obligation, to confess Christ before men, who thinks of the duty independently of the influence of an excitement, not ordinarily to be expected; but as produced by tumult

uous meetings, at unusual hours, and by the employment of unusual means and agents.

This bad state of things, however, may not always last. With God's blessing on His appointed means of Christian enlightenment, the darkness must give way in His own good time, and permit the Sun of Righteousness and order to shine unobscured by the destroying prejudices of bigotry, ignorance and irreligion. Already are a few discerning eyes open to the alarming certainty, that, directly through sensualism, and indirectly through infidelity, the munificent patron of licentiousness, the popular faith in excitements is surely tending to a lawless barbarism! May the Lord speed the day, when the few may become the many.

With the loss, by removal, of several of our best and most numerous Church families, the day of small things still continues with us. By death we have lost none since my last report; but our gain by baptism, is no more than one, when it ought to have been many. Four have been added to the Communion, and six lost by removal. In no long time, we hope for a small class for confirmation.

GRACE CHURCH, VAN VOORST, JERSEY CITY:

THE REV. DAVID H. MACURDY, RECTOR ELECT.

Baptisms, (infants 29, adults 1), 30; confirmed, 17; communicants, (died or removed 19, added 23), present number 126; marriages, 9; funerals 17; Sunday School catechists, 22; catechumens, 143; books, 420; Offerings—Parochial, \$230.53; Diocesan, \$26.27; General, \$51.00; other purposes, \$148.32; Organ Fund, \$1250.00—Total, 1706.12.

From the 9th of June, to the 26th of November, the Rector elect was absent from the Parish, by permission of the Vestry, for the improvement of his impaired health. His lack of service was supplied by the Rev. Prof. Mahan, and the Rev. Orlando Harriman.

Except during the absence of the Rector elect, the services upon Sundays and other days, have been as in former years.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, NEWARK:

THE REV. JULIUS D. ROSE, MINISTER.

Rt. Reverend and Dear Bishop:—Since my last report, there have been but few changes in our congregation, and those are only to its advantage. The services in St. Matthew's Church are regular, every Sunday twice; and in St. Matthew's Chapel on the Hill, in the afternoon. Both the congregations are larger at present, than at former times. The people take more interest. Besides the regular contributions, there have a few members contributed towards a salary, which has been secured by several good friends of the Church, for the minister. Since July of last year, I have under

God's grace, commenced again a Sunday School, which now comprises eighty names; of which, generally between sixty and seventy are present. But here again I have to complain of not having any assistance of English teachers. I, with three young men, have the sole charge of the whole number, and to preach three times a day. Performing other duties besides, and walking nearly two miles for the third service, is very hard, and for the length of time I am not able to endure it. May the Lord send me assistance, is my prayer. A few friends of the House of Prayer have given, for a small Library for the Sunday School. Our day-school, under Mr. Eichborn's charge, is flourishing. We have daily services with the children.

In the report of last year, there has been forgotten, that a Lady of Trinity Church, presented a fine plated communion service to this Church; also, a new surplice for the minister. The Lord bless her.

The congregation is now engaged to procure a burial place; which, if consummated, will add to the welfare of our Church. Since, about a week, there has been put a fine bell of 110 lbs, and put on the Chapel, on the Hill, by Mr. Hayes.

My statistics are as follows:—Baptisms, (infants) 36; marriages, 20; confirmations, 18; funerals, 33; communicants, added 21, removed 3, died 5; Offerings for the Church expenses, about \$200.00.

By this you see, Rt. Rev. Father, that generally the blessing of the Almighty has been with us. May He continue to promote the benefit of our souls.

Will you kindly excuse, if I add here, what I forgot, that during the interval, when Dr. Watson left Grace Church, until Mr. Stewart entered on his duties, by the request of the Wardens, I conducted the daily service in Grace Church.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEWARK:

THE REV. ROBERT T. S. LOWELL, RECTOR.

I am ready, this year, to take a different tone from that of former reports. Disheartening as the work here was, for years, to one accustomed to things on a different scale, and not yet broken into the place, and its ways; yet now, thank God, the principles for which we have both done and suffered somewhat, are in a fair way of triumph. This congregation, with its free Church, never acceptable, at first, to any but the largest-minded rich and noblest poor, and with its daily prayers and weekly communion, things never well esteemed while new, and here first used in this Diocese,—will, with God's leave, hold a foremost place among the churches of this growing city, in numbers and substantial solid strength. But we must have room. Our present building has been called "a gem;" but any great things with it are not to be looked for. And so important does it seem that

we should be beforehand, or at least, keep even pace with the time, that I trust to see, ere long, begun,—if not a fit fulfilment of its plan in stone,—then a *plank shed*, of some sort, large enough to let whatever Rector shall be ministering in this Parish, five years hence, see 800 or 1000 people, if not more, worshipping, at once, on every Sunday.

There must be a large congregation to give a fair opportunity to our free Offerings. And at the same time the wise eye can see already that if there shall come no revulsion in trade, this must, in five years more or so, be just about where the heart of the city will be beating. Indeed, if Newark ever does anything, more with its noble bay, than give a name to it, there will, probably, be vastly more business done beyond us, to the Eastward, than on the other side of us.

To give, moreover, a warrant for large anticipations, our statistics show, this year, nearly four times as many communicants as four years ago; more than three times as many baptisms; more than three times as many persons confirmed. Thus there were then 24 communicants, now, (adding just for this purpose, 7 now cut off to the station beyond), say 89; then 15 baptized—now 46; then 6 confirmed—now 20. This growth has come to us, thank God, not by sudden schism from any other Parish; nor from the removal of Church-people to our neighborhood; nor by the mere influx of population; but by a steady, constant, rapid gain upon the people at our side: and all my people are of one heart and of one mind. These things are matters of remark with all our neighbors. We have this year, also built a good School-house, and resumed our Parish School, (established six years since), with quite unexpected success in the first weeks of its re-opening,

Baptisms, (adults 2, infants 44), 46; confirmed, 20; communicants, (died 3, removed 7 to station of St. John Baptist, and 8 elsewhere), 15; added, 41, present number remaining, 82; marriages, 10; burials, 12.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, TRENTON:

THE REV. JAMES L. MAXWELL, RECTOR ELECT.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:—Of this Parish I have to report as follows—Baptisms, (adults 1, infants 4), 5; confirmations, 4; marriages, 1; funerals, 5; communicants, (added 6), total 30; Church Offerings, \$59.54.

The Sunday School is in a prosperous condition. For its use a basement room has been finished during the past season, at an expense of \$200, and an addition made to its Library. Is catechised monthly, and needs but an increase of efficient teachers to fill the room to its fullest capacity.

The Church grounds have been improved by setting out trees, at an expense of about \$75. All the affairs of this Church are as prosperous as could be expected, in the present condition of the Parish,

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, GLOUCESTER CITY :

THE REV. JOSIAH M. BARTLETT, RECTOR.

Families, 49; Baptisms, (infants 12, adult 1), 13; marriages, 11; confirmed, 5; communicants, (added 4, removed 7), present number, 30; burials, 8; Sunday School, 25; Offerings—for Parochial objects, \$18.59; Missions, and other objects out of the Parish \$25.15—total, \$43.74.

GRACE CHURCH, ELIZABETHPORT:

THE REV. DAVID CLARKSON, MISSIONARY.

The Missionary reports to the Convention, that he took charge of this Church on the 19th January, 1854; since which time he has baptized, (infants 11, adults 2), 13; and attended 2 funerals. Communicants, (removed 4, added 4), 26; Sunday School Teachers, 6; Scholars, 40; library books, 50. The Offerings made with the Offertory and Prayer for Christ's Church Militant, (after sermon,) on every Lord's day, for Parish purposes, amounts to \$34.80.

In addition to the stated Sunday services, the Church has been opened during the first five weeks in Lent, on Thursday evenings, for prayers, at which time, a lecture was delivered, and on Friday mornings for prayers; and during Passion Week, on every morning for prayers, and on every evening for prayers and lecture, except Monday and Saturday.

Since last Convention, there has been baptisms, (infants) 5; confirmed, 3.

THE HOUSE OF PRAYER, NEWARK :

THE REV. SAMUEL L. SOUTHARD, RECTOR.

Baptisms, 40; confirmed, 18; communicants, 100; marriages, 13; burials, 11; offertory, \$741.

A new spire has also been erected, of stone, at a cost of over twenty-two hundred dollars. The congregation have also been very heavily taxed by the city authorities, for the paving of the streets—the amount not less than six hundred dollars.

A mistake was made in the last report, either in the writing, or the printing—instead of so many dollars, it should have been *so many hundred* dollars.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CAMDEN :

THE REV. ELVIN K. SMITH, MISSIONARY.

Rt. Rev. Father:—Your Missionary to St. John's Church, Camden, respectfully reports as follows:—

On the sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, (Sep. 11, 1853,) we held our first Service in what had formerly been the "Floating Church of the Redeemer;" the purpose of purchasing which, was mentioned in my last report,

The congregation grows with increasing steadiness; and the Lord has here, graciously added to the Church, both men and women.

Thirty infants and children have been baptized; and *sixteen*, who were "of riper years, and able to answer for themselves:" in all, *forty-six*. Of the children baptized, *five* were colored. *Twenty* persons have been confirmed. *Ten* communicants have deceased or removed; *twenty-one* been added; *one* repelled; the present number is *sixty-two*. I have solemnized *three* marriages, in the Church; and attended *twenty-one* funerals.

A large and beautiful Font, cut from our native rocks, (at Little Falls) has been presented by the Sunday Scholars of the parent parish of St. Paul's. Their first contribution towards it, was made a few days before my ordination, and in anticipation of it, and of my Missionary work in South Camden. This was followed up by other appropriations of their "Missionary money," made from time to time, during a period of nearly three years; till at length, on Easter eve, their purpose being completed, the noble and enduring monument of their love, and their little self-denials, was set up in the Church. It is an appropriate embodiment of their interest in our enterprise; and a touching tribute of their affectionate regard for their former Superintendent, the Missionary, who has no pleasanter reminiscences in his whole life, than of the two years wherein he was privileged to live and labour, teach and pray, with them. The Lord remember them for good, and bless the freewill offerings of their hands.

St. John's is still a small and feeble parish, struggling for existence, while it strives for growth. There remains necessity still, for foreign aid, to enable the parish to do what is requisite for ensuring the stability of the enterprise. Eleven hundred dollars are yet wanted, to effect the complete redemption of the Church edifice from debt. It is only by small increments, slowly and laboriously obtained, that the Missionary is now able to add to the Building Fund: and to do even this, much time and energy must be withdrawn from proper parish work.

It is the earnest prayer of our humble, persevering patience, that some able lovers of Christ and His poor, may be found, to ease our shoulders of the burden, which presses so heavily upon us. We ask but a reasonable share of the Church's bounty for our present necessity; and a continuance of God's gracious spiritual help, so richly vouchsafed already; to make us soon a prosperous—as we shall most certainly be a grateful—people.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NEWARK:

THE REV. ANDREW MACKIE, MISSIONARY.

Baptisms, 12; confirmed, 2; communicants—(died and removed 6, added 16,) present number 28; marriages, 2; burials, 10; families, 35;

single parishioners, 19; Sunday School scholars, 75; teachers, 15; library books, 210; offerings for parish purposes, \$282.52.

A parochial school for boys, under the charge of John A. Stewart, T. C. D., has been commenced since last report, with every prospect of success.

A primary department to the school, is in contemplation, as soon as the necessary arrangements can be effected.

NEW BEDFORD, MASS. May 30, 1854.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:—During Lent, I resigned into your hands, the Missionary Parish of St. Paul's, Newark. I went there by your advice, I resigned with your permission. It pleased God to bless the Parish most abundantly, while it was under my ministration. You have in your possession my reasons for the resignation.

I have been invited to assist the Rt. Rev. Dr. Southgate, Rector of the Church of the Advent, Boston, Mass. I have accepted the invitation.

Faithfully and respectfully,

ANDREW MACKIE.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SOMERVILLE:

THE REV. JOHN ROWLAND, MISSIONARY.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:—The congregation of St. John's Church, in Somerville, is gradually growing in numbers and strength.

The eight persons confirmed, at the special visitation, last October, are the first fruits of the coming harvest.

The services have been regularly given twice every Lord's Day, and the prayers of the Church have been offered on Wednesdays and Fridays, during Lent.

The Holy Communion is administered on the first Sunday in each month, and on the greater Festivals of the Church.

There is no debt on the Church edifice, and the Minister is adequately supported.

Baptisms, 6; confirmed 8; communicants, 11; funeral, 1; Offerings of the Church—Parochial, \$83; Diocesan Missions, \$8; Domestic Missions, \$12; Foreign Missions, \$5.—Total, \$108.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, HUDSON;

THE REV. W. R. GRIES, RECTOR.

Baptisms, (adult, 1, infants, 9,) 10; communicants, (departed, removed and dismissed 15, added 10,) 45; burials, 7; three belonging to St. Matthew's, Jersey City; marriages, 1; families and pew-holders, 60.

The places of those who left us during the past year, are already filled

by valuable additions to the parish. Our congregation has increased, and the prospects of the parish are much improved.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, MILLBURN:

THE REV. EUGENE AUGUSTUS HOFFMAN, MISSIONARY.

Baptisms, (infants, 3;) funeral, 1; Offerings, (Domestic Missions, \$5.77. Expenses of the parish, \$182.93.) Total, \$188.70.

Rt. Rev. Father in God :—Your Missionary has been so fully engaged in his parish at Elizabethtown, that during the past year, he has been able to do but little more than hold in this parish, a Service on the afternoon of each Lord's Day. The interest which the people take in the services of our Church, is steadily on the increase, and the parish is constantly growing.

The corner-stone of the Church edifice was laid on the 23d of August; the entire foundation built, and a contract has been signed for the erection of an oak timbered Church, capable of seating 300 persons. The plans were furnished by J. W. Priest, Architect, and the building will be completed as rapidly as possible, under his superintendence.

The parish needs, and can sustain, as soon as the Church is consecrated, if not immediately, a resident Clergyman. It is situated in the centre of a large field, where an active Missionary might soon gather other folds, whilst he is tending this. A parish School could also be successfully established.

CHRIST CHURCH, ELIZABETHTOWN:

THE REV. EUGENE AUGUSTUS HOFFMAN, RECTOR ELECT.

THE REV. FRANKLIN RABBITT, ASSISTANT MINISTER, AND PRINCIPAL OF PARISH SCHOOL.

Baptisms, (adults, 3, infants, 46,) 49; confirmed, 15; communicants, (removed, 4, deceased, 1, added, 28,) 53; marriages, 3; funerals, 9; Sunday School, catechists, 14; catechumens, 158; Parish school, 30. Offerings, (Domestic Missions, \$58.42; Foreign Missions, \$31.50; Episcopal Fund, \$76.90; Sunday School, \$23.46; Furniture of the Church, \$950.00; Female Parish School, \$10; For the poor, \$220.15; The support of the Clergy, and other expenses of the Parish, \$274.37.) Total, \$1644 80.

The Rector elect, in making the first annual report of this Parish, cannot but acknowledge the Divine blessing, which has manifestly marked its short history. The little band, which, but last year, was admitted into union with the Convention, has already grown to the full proportion of a goodly congregation; and the above statistics mark rather those of an old than of a new parish.

The Wardens and Vestrymen, have purchased a large lot of ground, in an eligible situation, containing 40,000 square feet.. Plans for a Church, Chapel, or School-House, and Rectory—all to be of stone—have been obtained from Richard Upjohn and Co., Architects. The corner-stone of the Chapel, or School-House, was laid on the 23d of August, and it will be ready for use in the course of a month. A temporary wooden chancel has been attached, that it may be used for public worship until the growth of the congregation demands the erection of the Church. The Rectory will be put under contract immediately.

In deciding on the plan, the congregation have provided for the future. The ground is secured for the Church,—such a one as the congregation will eventually need—and when it is needed; God will give them the ability to build it. At the same time, it is a method of building, which observes the strictest economy. The whole plan being laid out at first, nothing will be wasted or destroyed. The entire furniture of the Chapel or School-House—which is made of solid oak—is contrived to fit the Church. So that those who shall be permitted to worship in the Church, may be baptized in the same Font, and kneel at the same Altar, with the founders of the Parish.

Among the pleasant things connected with the foundation of this Parish, are the following gifts, the free-will offerings of pious hearts, for the House of our God, and for the offices thereof.

A beautiful set of silver Communion Plate, partially gilt.

An oaken Bishop's Chair, with a canopy.

An Eagle Lectern, beautifully carved of oak in England.

An oak Alms Chest, for the poor.

A Carved oak Pulpit.

Three beautiful Stained Glass Windows.

An Altar of Caen Stone, richly carved.

A Carved oak Cover, for the Font.

A set of Linen for the Altar, and Carpet for the Chancel.

The Services of the Church are still held in the Lecture Room of the First Presbyterian congregation, which has been most kindly left at our disposal. The Offertory is used every Lord's Day, and in the morning of every Holy Day, when a sermon is preached. The Ladies of the Parish meet every Friday morning during the winter, at the Rector's house, to make clothing for the poor.

A Parish School for boys, was opened on the 1st of September, under the charge of the Rev. James Adams. It met with such success, that we were obliged in the month of February, to erect a temporary building on the Church lot, for its immediate accommodation. This has been done at an expense of \$1000.

In April, the Rev. Mr. Adams resigned in consideration of health, and

was succeeded by the Rev. Franklin Babbitt, who was elected the assistant Minister of the Parish. The school now numbers 30 scholars, and is in most successful operation. The boys are instructed in all branches of a thorough English education; and, if desired, in sufficient of the Classics to fit them for College. And while every care is thus taken to fit them for the world, in every secular study, they are constantly brought under the influence of the Gospel. They are required to attend the morning services of the Church, during the week, and the Rector of the Parish meets them for religious instruction, each Monday morning.

That God may give us the grace and ability to carry on the work, thus so successfully begun, and bless it in bringing up many souls in the knowledge of Jesus, should be the fervent prayer of every Christian.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, MORRISTOWN:

THE REV. JAMES H. TYNG, PRESBYTER.

To the Rt. Rev. G. W. DOANE—The undersigned has the pleasure to report to his Diocesan the general prosperity of "The Church of the Redeemer," Morristown, in which he has officiated during the past year.

TRINITY CHURCH, HOBOKEN:

THE REV. N. W. CAMP, D.D., RECTOR ELECT AND MISSIONARY.

This Church was organized early in September, 1853; and, in the latter part of the same month, I was called to the Rectorship.

At that time, there were actually belonging to, and worshipping with said Church, nineteen families, consisting of sixty-one souls, and twenty communicants.

For a period of six months, thereafter, the congregation persevered to keep together in the celebration of Divine Worship, under peculiar and discouraging circumstances: being obliged to occupy the parlors of my own residence in the morning, at one extreme end of the town, and at night, a small and inconvenient Hall, at the opposite extremity.

In March last, we took possession of a new, large, convenient, and central Hall; since which, the congregation has steadily increased. At first, sittings for only about two hundred persons were provided; but the Vestry are now taking measures to offer more sittings, by the addition of twelve or more new slips.

At the date of this report, we have forty-two families, consisting of one hundred and forty souls, and fifty-one communicants.

The Sunday School has been organized only about one month, and numbers thirty-one scholars. Besides the Superintendent and Librarian, there are six teachers. The Library numbers more than two hundred vol-

umes. A Parochial Library is also commenced, and now has about fifty volumes.

Exclusive of the Rector's salary, four hundred and twenty dollars have been expended, mainly for current expenses. This sum was raised chiefly, by means of congregational collections, which are made at each celebration of Divine Worship, on the Lord's Day; the average of which has been more than seven dollars. The Christmas Communion Offerings amounting to fourteen dollars and thirty-seven and a half cents, were appropriated to the Domestic Missionary Society.

With but two or three exceptions, Divine Worship has been celebrated twice each Lord's Day. During the Autumn and part of the Winter, there was Divine Service, with a Sermon, on the evening of Wednesday, of each week. On Thanksgiving Day—Christmas Day—Ash-Wednesday—Good-Friday, and Ascension-Day, Divine Service was duly celebrated. Morning prayer was said on the mornings of Wednesday and Friday, of each week, during Lent, and on every morning in Passion-Week.

Eight children have been baptized, and three funerals were attended.

Missionary and other Reports.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, DOVER.

Baptisms, 3; communicants, 9. Communion Alms on seven occasions, \$63. 59. This Parish has been vacant since the first of January last. It greatly needs the fostering care of a prudent Missionary. The few Church people who compose it, would gladly contribute liberally of their means to his support; and in connexion with another station might be able, with aid from the Diocese, to offer a small salary. It is hoped that ere long, the services of one may be procured, who, from love to the souls of men, will manifest himself "willing to endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

C. W. RANKIN, Missionary.

GRACE CHURCH, PLAINFIELD.

Divine service has been regularly held in this Parish twice every Sunday during the past year, in a building hired and fitted for the purpose. The congregation is small, but punctual and attentive; and as large as can reasonably be expected. The number of communicants is twenty-one. The Holy Communion has been administered four times; once in private. There has been one marriage and one burial.

Preparations are making for building a Church. The foundation has been laid, and the work is gradually progressing. The effort to establish a Church in this place has met with many obstacles, but there is good hope of its being successful.

PHILEMON E. COX, Rector elect.

ANDOVER.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir;—Early in the present Conventional year, I communicated to you, that I was compelled to discontinue missionary service at Andover, on account of not being able to get a place for worshipping. The people there are generally well disposed towards the Church, as is evinced by the uniformly large attendance, and the interest manifested in the service. A committee of gentlemen from the place, invited me to resume my ministrations among them; but the use of the Methodist place of worship, which was kindly granted us, is no longer at our disposal, and so of necessity the services have been relinquished.

I officiate as Assistant Minister in Christ's Church, Newton. Baptisms, burials, &c., are given among those specified in the Parochial report of that Church.

Yours in faith, hope, and love,

N. PETTIT.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, NEWARK.

Public service in the congregation was resumed on the first Sunday in Advent, in a School-Room, and has been continued thus far. The Church edifice, begun last season, is nearly ready for the roof; and we hope that it may soon be fit for use. By the kindness of friends, the sum of twelve hundred dollars have already been obtained in money and subscriptions. But we must appeal to the benevolent for more, to carry our Church to completion. The congregation has suffered much from the want of a suitable place of worship. There are fifteen communicants. A Sunday School is in operation.

During the past year, in the absence of the Rector, I have attended to the weekly services in Trinity Church, and to other Parish duties. I have baptized children, buried the dead, visited the sick, celebrated marriages, and administered the Holy Communion in public, twice—and in private, six times. I have had charge of the Sunday-School, and the catechetical

lecture to the children on the afternoons of the first Sunday in the month.

From Advent to the first of May, I assisted in the daily service, at the "House of Prayer." I have also otherwise aided my brethren of the Clergy as occasion offered.

JOSHUA SMITH.

PORT COLDEN.

My Dear Bishop;—Since the last Convention, I have continued to officiate every Sunday, and have also read the Daily Morning and Evening Prayers, every day in the week, in St. Matthew's Chapel, in this place. Divine service has also been performed on every Holy Day in the year. One communicant has died, leaving the present number two. Sunday-School exercises are held twice, (morning and afternoon), every Sunday, and the catechumens include all the pupils of St. Matthew's Hall, with a few other children. The Offerings of the Church, have amounted to \$15, and have all been devoted to local objects.

P. L. JACQUES, Missionary.

THE REV. MR. FROST'S REPORT.

Right Reverend and Dear Sir:—In obedience to the Canons of the Church, you are duly informed, that since June 1, A. D. 1853, until now, I have continued, D. A., to perform such services, both in St. Mary's Church, and at the College, and, occasionally, in the Chapel of the Holy Innocents, as you asked of me.

I have officiated, during the same period, in the Parishes of Freehold, Fairview, Gloucester, Haddonfield, and Glassborough, eight times.

I have administered the Sacrament of Holy Baptism to five children, and to one adult person.

I have administered the Sacrament of the Holy Communion five times; and I have buried three persons.

Fidem hujus testatur,

A. FROST, Presbyter.

THE REV. S. W. HALLOWELL'S REPORT.

Dear Bishop;—Since my last report, I have been officiating as usual, at Grace Church, Pemberton. The Church has been duly organized, and the statistics are as follows—communicants, 7; marriages, 2; burials, 1; confirmed, 1; baptisms, 1 infant.

SAMUEL W. HALLOWELL, Missionary.

PORT RILEY, NEBRASKA TERRITORY.

The Rev. David Clarkson, Chaplain, U. S. A.—Baptisms, (infants), 3,

PRAYER, DURING THE ERECTION OF A CHURCH.

The following Prayer is used in St. Mary's Church, Burlington; and is permitted to be used in any of the Congregations of the Diocese, under similar circumstances.

Riverside, 4 July, 1854.

G. W. DOANE, Bishop of New Jersey.

A PRAYER ;

To be used in any Congregation in the Diocese, during the erection of a Church.

O, Almighty God, who hast given unto us, Thy servants, grace, to erect an house, for the honour of Thy name, and for the comfort and salvation of the souls, for which, Thy only Son did shed His precious blood, accept the offering, which, in all humility, we bring to Thee, of that, which is Thine own; and bless Thy servants, and their service. "Prosper, Thou the work of our hands upon us," O God; "O, prosper Thou our handy work." Direct their counsels, to whom the work is specially entrusted, that it may be ordered, to Thy greatest glory, and to the greatest good of Thy believing people. Have, in Thy Holy keeping, the building, and whatsoever appertains to it: that our sacred purpose may be brought, the soonest, to the best result. Direct and bless the skill and industry of the Architect, the master-builders, and the workmen. May they be safe from every accident, and secure from every danger. And may all, who are, in any way connected with this temple, made with hands, be built up, through the operation of Thy Holy Spirit, as living stones, acceptable to Thee, through Him, who is the tried and precious corner-stone, Thy Son, our only Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THANKSGIVING WHEN A CHURCH HAS BEEN SAVED FROM DESTRUCTION BY FIRE.

PUT FORTH BY THE BISHOP OF NEW JERSEY.

O Almighty God, who art a strong tower of defence unto thy servants who trust in Thee, who hast said to thy redeemed, when ye pass through the waters I will be with you, neither shall the flame kindle upon you, we yield Thee praise and thanksgiving, for our deliverance from the great and imminent danger, wherewith we recently were compassed; acknowledging it Thy goodness that our holy and beautiful house wherein we have worshipped Thee, was not delivered over as a prey to the devouring fire; and beseeching Thee still to continue to us Thy mercy, that all the world may know that Thou art our deliverer, and that we may serve Thee all our days in piety and charity, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

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